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SOME HISTORY AND ITS WARNING.

History may be made to serve many purposes.

First, it preserves a record of man's doings, to the end that their recollection may remain as a heritage for the generations that are to follow.

Second, it serves as a guide to those generations, if they have the wisdom to profit by the experiences of their forebearers.

The historical sketch in this issue of the Anvil Herald, entitled *Castroville and the Sunset Road*, will serve both purposes if we are wise enough to grasp the lessons it teaches.

"Lest we forget", let us contemplate the damage done to *Castroville* by the deliberate building of the road

CASTROVILLE AND THE SUNSET ROAD

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formed them "must provide right-of-way from Cleburne, ample depot grounds and a subscription equal to that of Cleburne and Fort Worth, or greater" if they desired the services of the then building Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. The Galveston News of October 6, 1880, says Fort Worth put up a cash bonus of \$75,000 to get the Santa Fe line.

November 25, 1880, the Galveston News reported that Dallas subscribed \$20,000 to the proposed Chicago, Texas and Mexican Central railway. Under date of November 9, 1880, a News item says the people of Longview were asked to subscribe \$4,000 to secure completion of the Longview and Sabine Valley railroad.

CASH AND LAND GRANTS

Under date of November 5, 1880, the Galveston News carried a story showing that Col. (Thomas W.) Pierce would receive a bonus from the town of LaGrange of \$40,000 upon completion of the "Sunset" road from Columbus. In the same issue is a naive piece of propaganda showing the great progress of Alcona, Pennsylvania, as "a town created by a railroad". The next day the News carried a reprint of an article from the New York Financial Chronicle which declared the Southern Pacific in California and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe in Kansas were each receiving 12,800 acres of land for each mile of track laid. The Texas Almanac (1936 Pg. 325) declares:

"The chief public aid to railroads in Texas, however, was in land grants, which had a total area in excess of the whole State of Indiana. An Act of 1854 granted the railroads sixteen sections (10,240 acres) of land of 640 acres each for every mile of road built. A later law gave some of the roads twenty sections (12,800 acres) to the mile. It is estimated that between 1852 and 1882 forty-one railroads in Texas received from the State a total of 38,900,800 acres."

From these items it is evident that railroad building in Texas has been a pay-as-you-go proposition, with the commonwealth, the "favored" communities and the citizens on the paying end of the transactions. Looking at a railway map of this State one wonders at the many permanent waves. Topography had much to do with it, of course, but in many instances the plotting of the curve was dictated more by promotion than physical obstacles. This made it tough on the villagers who did not raise the demanded kitty.

CASTROVILLE'S ERROR

Typical of these was Castrovilla, 25 miles west of San Antonio, the settlement for the emigrants from Alsace and Lorraine under Empresario Henri Castro (1844). Hard, bitter experiences in the old country developed in these people a high degree of frugality, which characteristic they passed to the succeeding generation, whose members were called upon to evaluate the proposed services of the "iron horse".

That they erred in their judgment is attested by the fact that following another decade increased population along the rail line south and west voted the Medina county seat from them; they found it advantageous to abolish their corporate city, and today Castrovilla remains a "sleepy village". The Hon. Joe Courand, eighty-year-old prominent business man of San Antonio, was one of the civic leaders of Castrovilla in 1880-81 negotiating with the promoters of the "Sunset Road", (now part of the Southern Pacific Lines). C. P. Huntington of New York City was the financial backer of the road; Col. Thomas W. Pierce was president, promoter and builder; and, Major James Converse was superintendent and engineer of the project. The duties of the latter included the most of the contract work in the promotion.

Commenting on the matter to this TCNS reporter the past week, Mr. Courand declared:

"We made the mistake of not accepting the best terms offered by Major Converse, which would have brought the railroad within two miles of town, just as Uvalde did. Castrovilla paid for our error, in not making greater efforts to meet the requirements of Major Converse and Colonel Pierce."

"We were bull-headed, and Converse and the railroad people were bull-headed, so both sides lost in the controversy."

ON THE DEFENSIVE

"But the railroads find themselves on the defensive in the battle of transportation today. When they saw this competition of the highways coming eight or ten years ago they were foolish not to meet it with lowered rates. Instead, they raised the rates as a means of regaining lost revenues, only to lose further earnings by sending the traffic to the trucks."

"They have their properties, their equipment and their hands—it looks as if they should find a way out by increasing volume through lowered rates if they want to combat truck competition. They seem to be just as bull-headed now as when we encountered them at Castrovilla."

"After the railroad was built to LaCoste they were surprised when they got no business from our town. C. C. Gibbs, their general freight agent came to my mill and asked why they were not getting the business. I showed him the wagon rate (his truck competition) was 20 cents a hundred from San Antonio to Castrovilla; while his average rail rate from San Antonio to LaCoste was 20 cents, and we then had to pay 6 cents a hundred for the wagon haul to us, or a total cost of 26 cents."

"Gibbs appreciated then that to get the business he would have to make special concessions in rates, so he put them down to 12 cents a hundred from San Antonio to LaCoste, which, allowing the 6 cents trucking, gave us a rate of 18 cents to Castrovilla. That put the freighters out of business, except for the six mile haul

from LaCoste. They could not compete with their heavy wagons drawn by eight or more mules over unimproved roads. But it is a different story now with these motor trucks on air-filled rubber tires traveling on paved highways."

RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANTED

Judge H. E. Haass, historian, and manager of the Medina County Abstract Company at Hondo, was printer of the office of the Castrovilla Quill when the railroad incident took place. He was often called upon to take his pony and deliver telegrams from the government station in the village to the several construction camps. His boss, Hal L. Gosling, (an attorney, later killed by two train robbers whom he was taking to jail), was chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, Mr. Courand being the secretary.

From Judge Haass and Mr. Courand, and the writings of Editor Gosling as they were reprinted in the Galveston News and the items appearing in the San Antonio Express from October 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881, (No file of the Quill could be found), we can glean just what were the demands of the railroad promoters for bringing the line through that village. At first there was the usual demand for the right-of-way through the town, and 15 or 20 acres for depot site. This was guaranteed to Major Converse at a meeting on December 17, 1880, according to Gosling's special telegram to the News. Previous to this, the Quill editor had not been so optimistic for in his mail budget to the News, dated the 13th and printed the 19th (the day after his wire story appeared), he declares:

"Castrovilla, the sleepy town, is about to go to sleep for good, for no railroad whistle will ever startle it, unless a great change takes place with many of its leading citizens."

CHANGE IN ROUTE

Pierce was building with the idea of selling the Sunset to the Southern Pacific, which was completed from San Francisco to El Paso. But Jay Gould had taken a big hand in the game, and Pierce started his grading out of San Antonio parallel to Gould's International (I. & G. N.). Several news items reveal that from October to January they had engineers locating and changing routes frequently. In the course of events it became evident that for topographic reasons Major Converse could not bring the road closer than a mile and a half to Castrovilla.

When the citizens' committee so reported the change of route there was indignation. They wanted the road through the town or not at all—which was their error as pointed out by Mr. Courand. They even invoked the law which required a rail line to either come through a county seat incorporated town or not come within three miles of it—so the Sunset was built to miss Castrovilla by three miles or more.

By January 20th, Major Converse admitted to an Express reporter that the line would not go by way of Castrovilla. And January 27th the Express reports:

"Judge Thos. Paschal of Castrovilla, was in the city (San Antonio) yesterday for the purpose of endeavoring to induce the G. H. & S. A. (Sunset) railway company to change their recent determination not to turn their road through the town of Castrovilla. The Judge had an extended talk with Col. H. B. Andrews on the subject, but was told that it would be impossible to get out, and would entail an additional expense on the company of at least a hundred thousand dollars. The hills beyond Castrovilla are the obstruction."

"The frugal Alsatians just could not see a hundred thousand dollars value in a railroad. To TCNS this week, Judge Haass summed up the situation viz:

"That made the proposition impossible for us. The business men could not raise any such amount and the farmers didn't care which way the railroad went—so negotiations were off. Major Converse was friendly, but the higher-ups didn't care and were willing to let Castrovilla suffer."

In the Weekly Express of February 3, 1881, one, "Don Jose" writing of his passing through Castrovilla, gives us a pretty clear insight into the situation in the following facetious paragraph:

"The usual apathy of our Teutonic neighbors has at last been shaken off by the whispered approach of the iron horse. The good old burgomasters held meetings, passed resolutions, given right of way and depot grounds and raised the price of their property one hundred per cent (after the assessor had called on them), and now await its coming. They did everything that the Sunset road suggested, and now that rail is going to give them the g. b. (go-by) unless they ante up a hundred thousand to cut their way through the hills and the citizens think that is the unkindest cut of all. But railroads are barren of gratitude, and this one is no exception to the rule."

The finality of the situation is revealed in the following item under the standing "Railroad Racket" head of the Weekly Express of February 10, 1881:

"Major Converse returned last evening from a trip along the Sunset extension, and reports the work to have reached a point about twenty-four miles from the city (San Antonio), and below Castrovilla. Everything is moving on smoothly."

But, we might add, not for Castrovilla.

"THAT'S PROGRESS"

The coming of the iron horse could only result in the passing of the wagon freighters and stage coach operators. An editorial in the Weekly Express of March 17, 1881, deploring legislative attacks on rail rate structures and practices of that day, declared:

"People who are paying ten cents a mile to ride the stages are willing to pay five cents a mile, for a time at least, to ride in passenger cars; those who pay a dollar a hundred for carrying freight on wagons and carts are willing to pay fifty cents a hundred to get their goods by rail."

One of these old freighters, John Muennink, 79, prominent farmer of the New Fountain community and Hondo bank director, sized the situation up for TCNS this week, viz:

"Railroads could bring it cheaper and faster. We didn't howl about them taking our business from us like they now howl about the trucks on the 'highways' taking business from them. We recognized the rails could haul cheaper and faster than our carts and mule teams traveling rough dirt roads, just as now the motor truck on smooth pavements can carry the freight cheaper and faster than the delivery can be effected by the rails. That's progress!"

Edward Tschirhart, 88, of Castrovilla, told us he and his brother, Joseph, 93, had an investment of over \$4,000 in four wagons, mules and harness, which, after the railroad was built, they were forced to sell for \$1,000. Then he declared:

"But when the railroads came along no one complained. The railroad was a sign of progress and we just figured we could turn our hands to something else than freighting. But now the railroads want it all. We are glad to see the trucks get some of that business—it was taken away from us."

"FREIGHTERS DIDN'T CRY"

Henry Vonflie at Castrovilla, who celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary February 7th, said he and his partner, the late August Santleber, operated a freight line of eight wagons, each with ten to fourteen mules. Following the advent of the iron horse they saw their business go from them to the more modern carriers. In this connection he declared:

"We just had to sell our mules for what we could get for them, and our wagons rotted out of use. They were too big for farming purposes. But no freighter complained then like the railroads do now about losing to the trucks."

Mr. and Mrs. August Schuehle of Hondo have a unique distinction of having had their romance coupled with freighting days. Her father, the late Kolf Frerichs, with headquarters at his store in Quilbi on the old Castrovilla, Quilbi, New Fountain, D'Hanis road, operated freighting service from San Antonio to Eagle Pass and Del Rio. Hands were hard to get when he employed August Schuehle as a driver, and his daughter, Antje, a wisp of a girl took her place on the seat of one of the great prairie schooners and handled her eight mule team with dexterity, taking her place directly behind the wagon driven by her father.

Soon it was noticed that when Antje found the going difficult, August was at hand to help her out. And then there was that old Texas moon right on the job—but let's get back off this detour and listen to what Mr. Schuehle said about the matter of the rails taking away the business from the freighters in the eighties:

"We didn't say anything when we realized the railroads would kill all freighting because there was nothing we could do about it. Now that the trucks are taking part of the railroad earnings they are making much complaint."

FROM RICHES TO RAGS

"But they are losing only a part of their business, while they wiped out all of the business of we freighters." And Mrs. Schuehle added:

"Father never said a word—just hunted for something else."

And so it went with others who had operated as freighters until supplanted by the iron horse.

The reducing of Castrovilla from riches to rags is revealed in some items appearing in the Galveston News in 1880 and 1881 that show it was a prosperous community and trading center until Colonel Pierce, Major Converse, et al, left it just "an historic place with many points of interest and a beautiful river."

Reprinted from the Quill on December 25 (Christmas Day), 1880, is a story about "Castrovilla has never before exhibited such a business boom as at present," mentioning plenty of emigrants arriving, and then:

"Sixteen carts laden with cotton passed through town Tuesday for Mexico. In all about sixty cartloads have gone west this week."

But in the San Antonio Weekly Express of March 31, 1881, we read where a petition was filed seeking to abolish the corporate town of Castrovilla and let it relapse to the Village status. And in the same correspondence reads this paragraph:

"The friends for the removal of our County Seat say that the Sunset road going west and not through here, will give them in a few years what they wanted."

And in 1892 the revenge of the rail promoters reaches its climax in the paradox of interests between the railway and the village—the seat of government for Medina County was moved to Hondo.

I AM AT PEACE

I am at peace with all the world; My sword is sheathed; my flag is furled.

The cares and toils of yesterday In silence have been laid away.

I am at peace.

I am at peace. Mistakes I've made And faults committed, but I've paid For them in full, as each one must; I know the law of life is just.

I am at peace.

I am at peace. The world's grim strife Cannot destroy immortal life, That dwells from want and sin apart. Contentment rests within my heart.

I am at peace.

—INA L. MELLICHAMP.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Erick of Hondo were Bandera visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Florence Finley Angermiller of Uvalde visited J. M. Hunter at the museum Sunday. Misses Mae Blackburn and Burns Wilson and Jim F. Wilson of Uvalde and Will Ney Jr. of Hondo accompanied Mrs. Angermiller here and also visited in Center Point.

Ben Gerdes, who underwent two operations in the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio recently, is doing nicely and is expected home, by next week.

PIPE CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leibold and children of the lake region visited Mrs. Louisa Pickens and son, Arthur, Sunday afternoon.

TARPLEY.

Glenn Coffey of Hondo visited in the Coffey home this week.

Bill Coffey of Utopia visited in the Coffey home this week-end.

M. J. Scott made a business trip to Hondo Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Hicks visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hicks, this week-end.

Jack Haby made a business trip to Hondo Monday.

From Brackett News-Mail.

Miss Estelle Storms of San Antonio was the guest of her aunt and uncle, Judge and Mrs. John H. Stadler, at their ranch home several days.

Charley, Henry and Frank Zinsmeister were in Hondo the past week-end, being called by serious illness of their father, Mr. H. E. Zinsmeister, who was stricken at his home in Devine and then transferred to Hondo. His many friends here hope for his speedy recovery.

From Atascosa County Monitor.

Glen Steidle and Billy Murray of St. Mary's university visited in the A. N. Steidle home Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Steidle left Sunday for Austin for a visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Smith.

From Kerrville Mountain Sun

Joe Ramirez of Beeville, Kyle Muennink of Hondo, Allen Brandes of Port Arthur, Henry Miller of Marfa, and Ed Price of Houston, all of whom are students in the University of Texas in Austin, spent the week-end with friends in Kerrville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fawcett had as their guests last week-end their daughters, Miss Cornelia, who is a student in the University in Austin, and Mrs. Charles Johnston of Laredo, and Mr. Fawcett's sister, Miss Pearl Fawcett of Luling, and her niece, Miss Bertha Carson of San Antonio.

CENTER POINT.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Randle and children of Tarpley and Frank Thomason of Kuntz spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomason.

INGRAM.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mosel had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wurzbach, Mrs. Arthur Mosel and Miss Hilda Mosel, all of San Antonio.

From The Southern Messenger.

Joseph Courand was tendered a surprise party at his home, 105 Adams St., Saturday, in celebration of the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Besides the members of his family—Prof. and Mrs. Augustus C. Rothe and son; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Courand and family; Francis Courand, all of this city, and Mrs. James F. Maroney, of Houston—the officers of San Antonio Council and San Antonio Assembly, Knights of Columbus, and members of the Alhambra, and of the San Antonio Liederkreis, were in attendance.

From The Sabinal Sentinel.

Miss Jessie Lee Chamberlin was a week-end guest of Miss Lucille Johnson at Hondo.

ROAD EMPLOYEES SEEKING LIVING QUARTERS HERE.

Mr. Curry Green, superintendent of the M. W. Watson Construction Company, who have the contract for Highway 90 in Medina, and Messrs. Colglazier and Menger, superintendents of Colglazier and Hoff Construction Company who have the contract of Highway 90 for Uvalde County were in Sabinal this week seeking living quarters for their families and employees of their companies.

Work will begin in the near future on this project.

From The Uvalde Leader-News.

Miss Louise Mauldin of Hondo was a Uvalde visitor last Sunday.

Miss Theresa Conrad of Hondo was in Uvalde last Sunday visiting friends.

HR!

"Did you get a lot of lovely presents this year?"

"Yes—and some from my husband's people, too!"—Pearson's.

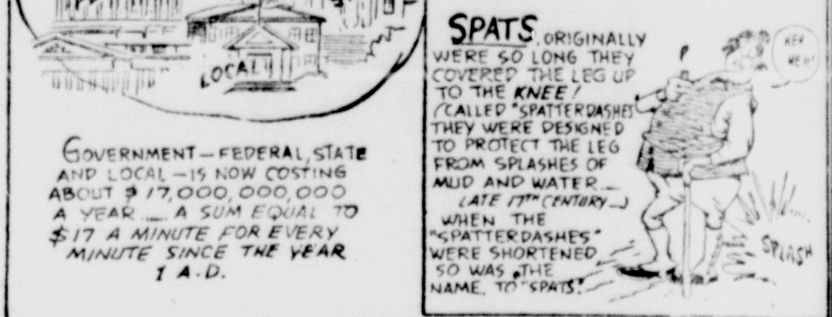
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THE PECULIAR CHINESE TAKES OFF HIS SHOES INSTEAD OF HIS HAT WHEN HE ENTERS A HOUSE—(HE EATS HIS DESSERT BEFORE THE MEAL!)

THE CATFISH OF THE NILE RIVER SWIMS UPSIDE DOWN!

SPATS ORIGINALLY WERE SO LONG THEY COVERED THE LEG UP TO THE KNEE. (CALLED "SPATTERDASHES" THEY WERE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE LEG FROM SPLASHES OF MUD AND WATER. (LATE 17TH CENTURY.) WHEN THE "SPATTERDASHES" WERE SHORTENED SO WAS THE NAME TO "SPAT".

NEW WELL PLANNED FOR D'HANIS AREA.

During the early spring months of 1939 one of the major developments will take place in Medina County.

J. H. Copeland-George Flessa and associates are contemplating the drilling of a new well on the Rothe ranch property. This well will be of particular interest to the county and to oil men in general as it is planned to drill to the lower strata of the Pennsylvania and into the Ordovician formations. Because of lost tools and other junk in an old well the management intends to sink a new test testing the former levels of saturation also as they go down. It is claimed that considerable oil of 42 gravity was bailed from the lowest level of the old well.

Competent engineers who geologized this large tract of land are unanimous in their opinion that the cross faulting in this area has made a natural trap for the accumulation of high-gravity oil from both the Bend Series and the Ordovician zone. All through the past 10 years the monthly rental has been paid on this lease and the operators are confident that they will develop a new oil field of major proportions for the D'Hanis area.—Tuesday's San Antonio Express.

GILCREASE TEST DRILLS IN CHALK.

Gilcrease Oil Company's No. 1 W. S. Lilly wildcat southeast of Devine in Medina County continues to hold center of interest in that area drilling below 2,840 feet in chalk which was topped at 2,707 feet.

The chalk was topped 40 feet higher than in the Falvey No. 1 McMenemy northwest of the new test and cuttings in the formation showed some odor of gas. The test also logged gas sands at 1,955-2,010 feet. Elevation is 623 feet and the Anacacho was logged at 2,345 feet. Weigand Brothers are contractors.

The McCampbell-Falvey No. 1 McMenemy was carried to 2,892 feet with considerable oil shown at around 1,980-2,190 feet. The next test which is slated to test the Edwards lime expects this formation

within the next couple of days.

J. I. and J. W. Cromwell's No. 1 Val Mangold southwest of the Chico Lake Field in Medina County is drilling below 580 feet and is running 20 feet higher than the T. N. T. test which was drilled nearby. It is projected to the serpentine.—Tuesday's Express.

FIVE OIL TESTS STARTED OR PLANNED AT DUNLAY.

Medina County is fast becoming the most active spot in the entire Balcones Fault zone of South Texas. The area around Dunlay is especially the center of the play which is present under way with five tests slated to be active in this area within a few days.

M. L. Walker's No. 2 Zuberbuehler, 1,000 feet from an old well in the Dunlay area in Survey No. 391, has been spudded in on an Edwards lime prospect with surface casing set and cemented. The lime is expected 1,250-1,300 feet.

D. W. Richardson is moving in for his No. 1 Emil Zuberbuehler, also in Survey 391, south of Dunlay, and farther south is moving in for his No. 1 Willie Burger in survey No. 258. These are Edwards lime tests and the Burger is 1,300 feet north and 2,600 feet west of the southeast corner of the survey.

B. F. Mitchell has spudded in and shut in on a serpentine test in survey No. 37 while equipment is being used on another well. Wolff and associates will also drill on the Riff land in survey 40 and other tests are still being rumored.

Southeast of Devine Gilcrease Oil Company's No. 1 W. S. Lilly, in survey No. 1359, is drilling below 2,355 feet and is running about 15 feet high structurally. This test is creating considerable excitement and is located southeast of the McCampbell-Falvey test on the McMenemy, which made considerable oil at 1,980-2,190 feet, total depth 2,892 feet. Elevation of the Gilcrease is 623 feet.

Ewing is also reworking his No. 1 Riff discovery well of the Dunlay field in Medina County which is located in survey No. 42. Test is under reaming and will be cleaned out Friday's Express.

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DEVINE NEWSLETS.

From The Devine News.

DEVINE GIRLS INJURED IN WRECK SATURDAY NIGHT IN SAN ANTONIO.

Misses Elizabeth and Mary Jungman, young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jungman, were quite seriously injured in a car wreck, Saturday night, 10:00 P. M. on Highway No. 81, at the R. R. crossing near Meg's new place just south of the San Antonio city limits, when the Nash sedan in which they were riding with three San Antonio friends, crashed into a city bus that stopped at the R. R. crossing. The driver of the Nash seemed to have failed to notice the stop, and sideswiped the bus, injuring all five of the occupants, according to a prominent Devine man, who in company with Berger prospectors, drove up behind the crash just as it happened. All were going north, so our reporter said, and all the occupants of the Nash were more or less injured; and were taken to the Santa Rosa hospital for treatment. Miss Elizabeth is an employee of the Devine Creamery, her younger sister attends high school here.

The San Antonio Evening News, Monday, carried the following: Mitchell Johnson, 21, of 211 Harrison Street, was taken to the Santa Rosa Hospital early Sunday after his car had crashed into the rear of a Public Service bus which had stopped at the Missouri Pacific crossing four miles from San Antonio on the new Laredo Highway.

He is suffering from a fractured skull.

With Johnson in his car were Mary Jungman, 15, of Devine, Tex.; her sister, Elizabeth, 17, also of Devine; George Martini, 18, of 1709 North New Braunfels Avenue and A. L. Green, 21, of Company K, Twenty-third Infantry, Fort Sam Houston. All were badly cut about the face, Deputy Sheriff's Schneider and Ferguson, who investigated the accident, said the front of the car was demolished.

The bus was driven by H. D. Cressman, of 1631 Santa Monica Street. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jungman, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Rihn and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kempf have visited the hospital watching X-Ray pictures, made for the Misses Elizabeth and Mary Jungman, who were seriously hurt in an automobile accident, Saturday night. The last report said the girls would probably be able to leave the hospital Wednesday.

WORK GOING STRONG ON BIG OVERPASS.

In motoring south over No. 81, one is impressed with the work being done in improving this big international highway. The grade work has been finished at Black Creek, cutting down hills and building up and for a distance of almost a mile. Concrete and steel work has only started on this good size bridge. Overpass work south of Pearsall including the little town of Derby and connecting up a broadened highway with the two miles recently completed work at the Big Rio River bridge; will make three or four miles of that section of No. 81 up to the standard set for No. 81, and finished from San Antonio to a point south of Devine, including the big \$80,000 under pass in our town.

Judge H. E. Haass and County Attorney Vance were over from Hondo Tuesday looking after a civil suit involving the disposal of some cattle in which the Creamery was interested, we believe.

Mrs. Edwin Bohl is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Jack Day, formerly Miss Adell Mechler in San Antonio. Mrs. Bohl has been quite ill and is in San Antonio for treatments.

YANCEY

The F. F. A. boys who had calves for the stock show in San Antonio went to San Antonio for several days accompanied by their parents.

J. D. Burkin of Luling and a party of friends visited us Sunday.

We have several folks in our community on the sick list. Rev. Brown and little daughter, Ann, were confined to their room with the flu.

Rev. Williams the local Baptist minister preached two sermons here last Sunday.

Dr. Smith was called to see Mr. Herman Faselor, who has been sick for several months.

Mrs. F. E. Lewis and daughter, Miss Marjorie, spent last week-end in Valde with Mrs. J. C. Anthony.

The adult members of the Methodist church had a social hour last Friday evening. On account of the illness of Rev. Brown there were not many present, as some thought it might have been postponed.

Miss Lucille Bohmfalk and Velma Faeler went to Moore Saturday visiting Miss Aleen Bohmfalk who operates her beauty parlor there.

BIRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bilhartz and Miss Goldie and Mrs. Chas. Wendt spent Thursday in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Love and family of D'Hanis spent Sunday with Hudy Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bader of Alice spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bader.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Haass of Alice spent a few days with their parents.

Mr. Frank Bilhartz and son from San Antonio spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bilhartz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilhalm and son, Jimmie, of San Antonio spent the day, Sunday, with J. A. Watson and family.

Misses Irmgard Hoerster from Art, and Olivia Wiemers from Hondo and Mr. Jerome Stout of Fredricksburg

visited in the Albert Bilhartz home. Mrs. Emma Haass is visiting in San Antonio with her children.

On Sunday, February 26th, Mrs. Randolph Haass, a bride of this month, was honored with a miscellaneous shower from 2:00 to 4:00 given at the Biry school, when about 50 or more guests registered in the bride's book.

LA COSTE LEDGERITES.

From The LaCoste Ledger.

LaCOSTE WOMAN HURT IN AUTO-BUS CRASH.

Two women were rather seriously hurt Monday in a crash between a Public Service bus and a car driven by Rev. Joseph Schweller of LaCoste on Frio City Road in San Antonio Monday. Miss Pauline Hoffman of LaCoste, who was in the car with Father Schweller, suffered a broken right arm and was treated at Santa Rosa Hospital.

Mrs. J. R. Steele of Kelly Field, a passenger in the bus, was treated at Kelly Field Hospital for back injuries sustained in the crash. Father Schweller escaped injury although his car was considerably damaged. The crash occurred in the 300 block of Frio City Road.

Father Schweller told officers that he was blinded by the late evening sun and crashed into the rear of the bus as it drew up at an intersection. The bus driver was W. A. Sadler.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

In observance of a very happy occasion, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. August Keller had a number of relatives join them on Sunday, February 26, 1939, for a sausage and chicken dinner.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tondre of Castroville; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Heinen and Miss Clarissa Zinsmeyer of San Antonio; Mrs. Mary A. Keller, Mrs. Adel Koehler and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zinsmeyer and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller and children of LaCoste.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR EMMA POERNER.

Miss Emma Poerner was honored at her home on Sunday evening, February 26, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. At 10:30 o'clock a delicious lunch was served consisting of cake, pie, coffee, beer and grape juice.

Those present included, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt from Biry; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Poerner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ahr, Mr. and Mrs. William Hitzfelder and son, Max, of Devine; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Theis and daughter, Mildred, and Miss Ida Hubertus, Mrs. Anna Theis and daughter, Lucille, and sons, Bernard and Theodore, Joe and Harry Theis and Reubin Kriewald from San Antonio.

At a late hour, after having had a jolly time all departed for their homes wishing Miss Poerner many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bippert and sons and Mrs. John Fuller and daughter visited in San Antonio Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bohl of Devine visited relatives here last Saturday.

Miss Louise Miksch of San Antonio was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jungman in LaCoste.

Rev. A. H. Falkenberg of Castroville visited here Monday.

Melvin Adolph, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hutzler was christened in St. Mary's Church, Sunday, February 19th. Sponsors were Mrs. Paul Hutzler and Howard Bohl.

Mrs. Josephine Biediger visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Biediger at Spindletop Sunday afternoon.

Fred Jungman, Sr., of Rio Medina was in LaCoste on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bippert and sons were in San Antonio on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mechler from the Sauz were LaCoste visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boehme of Rio Medina were LaCoste visitors Monday.

Raymond Keller from above Rio Medina was a LaCoste visitor Wednesday.

Robert Tondre from Macdona was a short visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stiegler and daughter of Hondo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koch here Sunday.

Mrs. George Christilles visited with Mrs. C. L. Marty in San Antonio Wednesday afternoon.

Dudley Hayworth from Terry Haute, Indiana, visited Henry Gross at his ranch below D'Hanis last Friday while looking after some oil interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman and baby of San Antonio spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jungman and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keller and sons and Mrs. Theresa Zinsmeyer and Francis Biediger visited the George Tondre and Herbert Keller families at La Pryor Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Schmidt and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Bohl, from Devine visited with relatives here Tuesday. They were accompanied home by Miss Doris Bippert.

Mr. and Mrs. George Christilles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mangold and Misses Marie and Catherine Christilles and Mildred Mangold visited Mr. and Mrs. Val Mangold at Noonan Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Steinle and daughters from Dunlay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimsinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rihn and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Lundy and daughter all from San Antonio were visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rihn and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rihn here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hartmann and Carole Jean and Emil, Jr., and Mrs. Tina Noble from Fredericksburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs.

D. J. Christilles and family here.

After spending the week-end in LaCoste, L. H. Jungman of Corpus Christi, was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Lillian Jungman, who will visit there for some time.

Mesdames Lena Ney, Emma Neumann, Pete Eiserloh, Fred Moody, Jack Wolff and Jack Iten all of San Antonio and Mesdames Margaret Keller, William Keller and Robert Rihn visited with Mrs. Mary A. Keller here on Thursday of last week. The occasion being Mrs. Keller's birthday.

SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Monday, March 6, 1939

(Federal-State Market News Serv.)

HOGS. Estimated salable receipts 500. Market active and fully steady with late last week. Top \$7.75 for most good to choice 175 to 250-lb. butchers. Good to choice 160 to 175-lbs. mostly \$7.50 to \$7.75, 140 to 160-lbs. \$7.25 to \$7.50, and 250 to 300-lbs. \$7.25 to \$7.75. Packing sows \$6.75 down. Feeder pigs around \$6.00 to \$6.50.

CATTLE, receipts 800, CALVES 1,400. Early trading fairly active but market uneven. Stocker calves, heavy yearlings and slaughter calves weak, some 25c lower. Most other classes sold about steady with late last week. Trading slowed down on later rounds on most classes, particularly plain grades and calves.

A truck load of 980-lb. fed steers sold at \$8.10, and 1114-lb. trucked in fed steers cashed at \$9.25. Plain rough Brahman steers sold at \$6.00. Most good light weight fed yearlings \$8.00 to \$8.40, the latter scaling \$13-lbs., odd head of good fed yearlings to \$9.00. Some medium short-fed yearlings ranged down to \$7.00, plain kinds down around \$6.00. Low cutter and cutter cows sold mostly at \$3.50 to \$4.50, odd head \$3.25. Butcher and beef cows mostly \$4.50 to \$5.75, odd head of fat cows at \$6.25. Bulls cashed mostly at \$5.00 to \$6.00. Slaughter calves ranged mostly from \$5.00 to \$8.50, odd head to \$8.75, culls as low as \$4.25. Stocker calves sold mostly at \$8.00 to \$9.00, choice steer calves sold up to \$10.00, sparingly, and some plain kinds down around \$7.00 and below. Few feeder steers and yearlings \$7.00 to \$7.50.

SHEEP, receipts 100; GOATS 100. Market about steady. Good 75-lb. fed lambs sold at \$6.50, 94-lbs. to \$6.75, few stocker lambs and ewes \$4.50. Shorn matured wethers brought \$4.25 down. Shorn Angora goats \$2.50 to \$3.00.

SCOUT NEWS.

Field Scout Executive, W. A. Nicholson, was in Medina Valley District this week checking the Scout Program with Scouters of this District. He stated that, "although Medina Valley District is one of the newest and smallest Districts, as to number of Scouts and Scouters, the type of Scouting being done, as to activities and advancement Program, is rapidly winning a position second to none."

The interest of everyone is solicited toward making this Program a complete opportunity for training Medina Valley Scouts to take their place in life as men prepared for citizenship.

Minor Huffman, Deputy Regional Scout Executive, will be in charge of the Alamo Area Council Headquarters here until a successor is selected to fill the place formerly occupied by Carl A. Bryan, who left this week for his new post in the Dallas Territory.

NUECES PROJECT VALUE EXPLAINED.

Agricultural lands southeast of here are in danger of losing their underground water supply and thus affect San Antonio business, F. W. Pulliam of Crystal City, member of the Nueces Valley Authority, told members of the San Antonio Kiwanis

Club meeting at luncheon Friday in the Gunter Hotel. Pulliam spoke to the club in behalf of the authority which is sponsoring a flood control and soil conservation project in the Nueces River Valley. The project calls for 22 dams in the Nueces River and its tributaries and conduits over the Balcones Fault that extends almost due west of San Antonio for several miles and is an escape area for underground water from the north. Because the water has been used by farmers and ranchers north of the fault, the Carrizo Sands to the south have been deprived of their ordinary supply. The water, he said, according to army engineers, who have surveyed the area with the view of building dams and conduits, sinks out of reach of human use until it gets to the Gulf of Mexico.

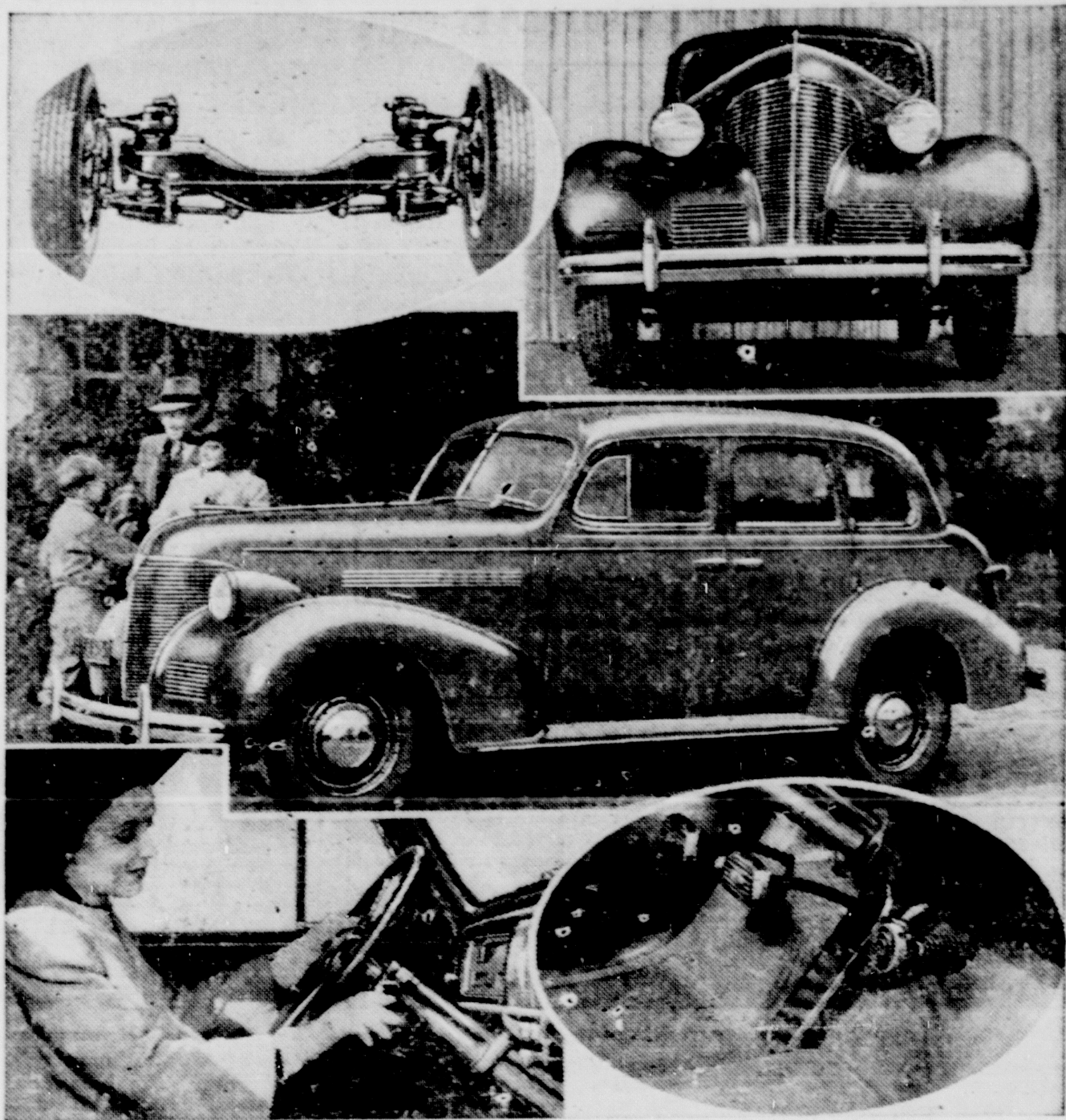
Since the 21 counties included in the Nueces Valley Authority is San Antonio trade territory, Pulliam declared that San Antonio businessmen should give their moral and financial support to the project. He said that the survey by army engineers has been completed and by April 1 their findings will be presented to congress. When the project is completed, he predicted that the area's water supply in 10 years will be increased to the level it was in 1911.

He pointed out that the dams will prevent the disastrous floods of 1935 at D'Hanis and valuable topsoil from farm lands will be conserved for future agriculture.—San Antonio Express.

A Kindly Mien

An angry mien is completely unnatural; yet let it be frequently assumed, and the charm of the fairest face will begin to die out, till, at last, every spark of beauty is gone.—Marcus Aurelius.

-Chevrolet Takes Big Strides Ahead for 1939



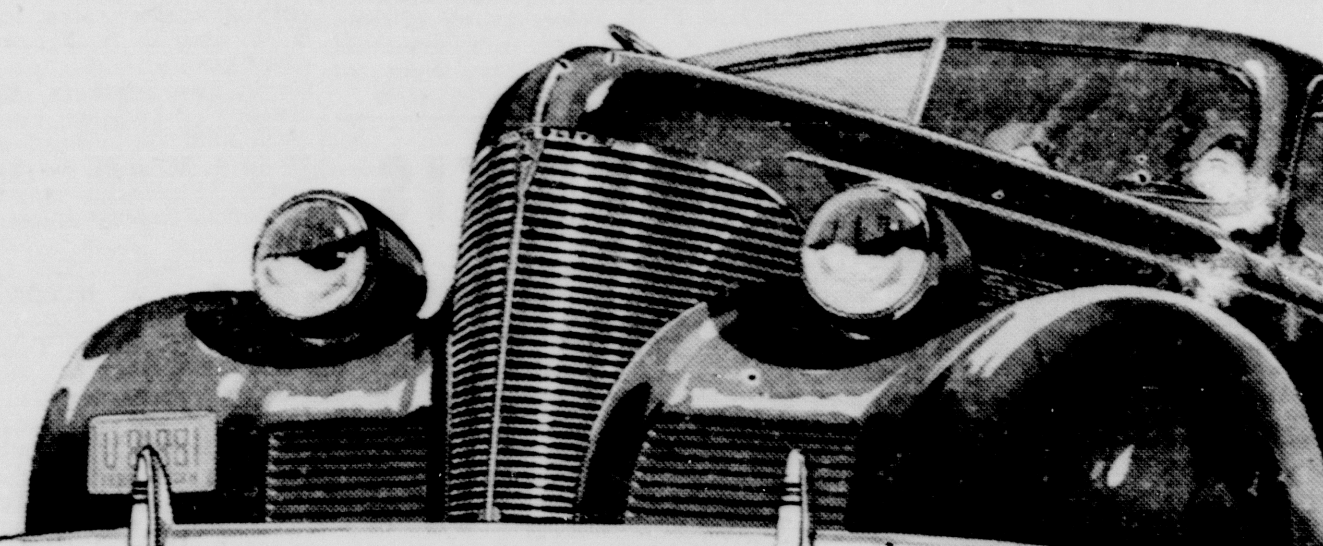
New Aero-stream styled bodies combine with major mechanical improvements to provide new beauty, safety, comfort and operating ease, in the 1939 Chevrolets, presented October 22, and featured at the big auto shows this month. The new models are offered on two chassis, the Master De Luxe and the Master 85, both of which are powered with Chevrolet's famous six-cylinder valve-in-head engine.

A new vacuum gear shift mechanism with steering column control, optional on all models at small extra cost, does 80 per cent of the work of shifting gears. The Master De Luxe series features a new riding system, in which a brand new Chevrolet Knee-Action mechanism is scientifically co-ordinated with new ride stabilizer and double-acting hydraulic shock absorbers to furnish a smooth, soft ride.

Central picture is the new Master De Luxe Sport Sedan. Upper right: front end view of the 1939 car; Upper left: Master De Luxe front suspension unit, complete; Lower left: accessibility and finger-tip ease of operation are two major features of Chevrolet's vacuum gear shift with steering column control; Lower right: As the handbrake on all models is re-located under the cowl, front compartment floor is cleared in cars with vacuum gear shift.

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Mrs. Jeff Johnson of Sabinal is
the guest of Mrs. Ione Crouch this
week.

SPEECE'S WOOD CRAFT SHOP.
FURNITURE REPAIRING AND
REFINISHING.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Haby were
Sunday visitors in the Elmer Haby
home at Dunlay.

Mrs. Graham Rodgers of Crystal
City visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. S. Fly, here several days the past
week.

Robert David Windrow, student of
the University of Texas, was here
from Austin last week-end visiting
homefolks.

Glenn Pope, University of Texas
student, Austin, was visiting his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pope, here
last week-end.

Miss Rose Mary Tondre, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tondre of Cas-
troville successfully underwent an
appendectomy at Medina Hospital on
March 7th.

Miss Adella Mae Haby, who is at-
tending Draughton's Business College
in San Antonio, spent the week-end
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer
Haby, at Dunlay.

Mrs. O. H. Miller returned last
Thursday night from an extended
stay in Vivian, La., with her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Colby Whitehead, who had
been ill. She was accompanied home
by Mrs. Whitehead for a visit.

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MRS. A. C. THALLMAN DEAD.

The entire community was grieved
and shocked at the sudden and un-
timely death of Mrs. A. C. Thallman,
which occurred at nine o'clock Friday
evening, March 3, 1939, after an ill-
ness of only about a week's dura-
tion.

Funeral services were held at the
Hogger funeral home at three o'clock
Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. S. High-
smith, pastor of the local Methodist
church, conducting the same. Inter-
ment was made in Oakwood ceme-
tery, a large concourse of sorrowing
relatives and friends following her
to her last resting place. The floral
offerings were profuse. The active
pall-bearers were: Andrew Bless,
Ben Oefinger, Dr. O. B. Taylor, Joe
Burgin, Ernest Britsch and Allen Til-
lotson. Honorary: C. J. Bless, H. V.
Haass, L. A. Mechler, Felix Batot, Dr.
H. J. Meyer, Louis Rothe, August
Richter, Ray Jennings, Prof. J. W.
Matthews, Joe Chapman and Jim
Clements.

Annie Gray Thallman was born at
Benton, Texas, on April 20, 1890.
She had, therefore, attained the age
of 48 years, eleven months and
twenty days at the time of her
demise. She was the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. W. H. Gray. Her father pre-
ceded her in death some three years
ago. She is survived by her mother
and the following brothers and sisters:

Brothers: Lester C. Gray, Willie M.
Gray, Fred W. Gray, Frank C. Gray,
Herman S. Gray, Clyde Gray, Carlton
Gray, all of Lytle, and Roy L. Gray,
San Antonio, and Raymond R. Gray,
Rosemead, California. Sisters: Mrs.
W. W. Thompson, San Antonio; Mrs.
Clyde Richardson, Somerset; Mrs.
Robert Busby, Jr. Natalia; and Miss
Minnie Gray, Lytle.

She was married to Mr. A. C.
Thallman at Lytle, Texas, on Febru-
ary 15, 1914, and moved to Hondo
in 1915 where they have since resided.
They had but recently celebrated
their Silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Thallman had been a con-
sistent member of the Methodist
church all her life. She was of a
friendly, cheerful disposition and had
the friendship and respect of all who
knew her and who deeply sympathize
with those who mourn the loss of
their loved one.

DECISION EXPECTED SOON.

The following self-explanatory
telegram has been received here:

San Antonio, Texas,
March 4, 1939.

Jim Amberson,
Hondo, Texas.
Rural electrification administrator
advises Hondo project under study
and in good shape. Hope for definite
decision within two weeks. Will keep
after it. Regards.

MILTON H. WEST, M. C.
Washington, D. C.

The project above referred to is
the Medina Electric Cooperative,
Inc., being organized to install a
distributing system among the farm-
ers and ranchmen of the northern
section of the county, the power to be
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Mrs. Otis Schuchle of Corpus
Christi is here visiting her mother,
Mrs. Ione Crouch.

Messrs. Pen G. Wiemers, Robin-
son and Wear of Bandera were here
Wednesday on business.

Rub in MINT RUB, Double Relief
from muscle strain and soreness, 35c
a tube at FLY DRUG CO.

THE ST. PAUL'S LADIES' AID
WILL SELL TAMALES SATUR-
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Mrs. Bernard FitzSimon and two
children, Eugenia and David, of Cas-
troville and Miss Mary FitzSimon of
Hot Springs, Arkansas, were guests
of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Taylor and
son, Blanton, Saturday.

FOR SALE—Re-cleaned Surecrop
seed corn, \$1.25 per bushel; also
Double Dwarf maize, re-cleaned,
\$1.25 per cwt.; Arizona Hegari, also
re-cleaned, \$1.25 per cwt. All seed
free of Johnson grass. CLYDE HOL-
LAWAY, Hondo.

A "short" in the electric wiring in
the attic at the R. A. Grams home
Sunday afternoon caused a call for
the fire boys to turn out. Luckily
Mrs. Grams turned off the switch,
extinguishing the fire before it ac-
quired any headway.

We always appreciate personal
items about your trips, the visits of
your guests and friends, the doings
of your clubs and societies, etc., when
handed in by readers of the paper.
Help us make The Anvil Herald seem
like "a letter from home" to its dis-
tant readers.

Mrs. Herbert Smith left Monday
for her home in Needles, California,
after spending a week with relatives
here. She was accompanied home by
her mother, Mrs. Jacob Reilly, who
will spend several months in Califor-
nia. She will divide her visit between
her two daughters, Mrs. Smith, in
Needles, and Mrs. L. F. Bonney, in
Los Angeles.

Lt. Clem Wurzbach, who is with
the 3rd Attack Group-Air Corps,
stationed at Barksdale Field, La.,
this week sends in his renewal sub-
scription to this paper as he says "I
greatly enjoy reading your paper and
keeping up with the news of the folks
around home". Lt. Wurzbach is a son
of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wurzbach of
Cliff and is a graduate of Kelly
Field. He frequently flies from
Barksdale Field to San Antonio for
a week-end visit with his parents.

Mrs. Volney Boon was hostess to
the Thursday Bridge Club on the af-
ternoon of Thursday of last week,
entertaining two tables of players. Mrs.
O. B. Taylor won high score prize and
Mrs. H. J. Meyer won second for
members. Guest award went to Mrs.
August Finger. Refreshments of
molded cheese salad, sandwiches,
cake and coffee were served to the
following guests: Mesdames R. J.
Noonan, T. B. Knopp, Robert Koll-
man, L. E. Heath, O. B. Taylor, H.
J. Meyer, W. B. Meyer, August Finger
and Volney Boon.

Among those who attended the
funeral of the late H. H. Heyen in
Lockhart Saturday were Mr. and Mrs.
John H. Schweers and daughter,
Nettie, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Schweers,
Mrs. Fritz Schweers, Messrs. Louis
and Willie Heyen, Mr. and Mrs. F. A.
Heyen, Mrs. Horace Schweers, Mr.
and Mrs. John Britsch, Mr. Geo.
Bohmalk, Mrs. Alfred Brucks, Mrs.
Matt Rath, Mrs. Ernest Britsch, Mrs.
Alfred Rath and two little daughters,
and Mrs. F. H. Schweers, all of Hon-
do, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Saathoff
and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nehr, of
D'Hanis.

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MRS. HENRY G. SAATHOFF DEAD.

Mrs. Hy. G. Saathoff (nee Breiten)
was born in Quihi, Texas, July 11,
1877. Her father was John Breiten
who came over from Germany when
a young man.

Her mother, Annie Freitsch, also
came from Germany when small.

She was married to Hy. G. Saath-
hoff of New Fountain, on February
27, 1897. Five children were born to
them, one daughter, Mrs. Will Black-
well of Tarpley, and four sons,
Harvey, Eugene, Sidney and Clinton.
Also four grand-children, all of near
Bandera, Texas, where she has made
her home for the last twenty years.

She had one brother and three
half brothers. Sedan of George West,
Texas, is living, John of Quihi, Jack
of Dunlay and Joe of Hondo, Texas,
preceded her in death.

There were six sisters, Mrs. Annie
Lindeburg of Quihi, Mrs. Jane Stros-
ser of San Antonio, and Mrs. Barbara
Brucks of Verdina are living. Mrs.
Katie Bless of Brackettville, Mrs.
Pauline Matke and Mrs. Mary Heil-
igmann of San Antonio preceded her
in death.

She was a member of New Foun-
tain Methodist church. She died
March 8, 1939, at Medina Hospital,
Hondo, Texas. Funeral services were
held at Hogger Funeral Home, March
9, 1939, by Rev. J. E. Fuller, Pastor
of Methodist Church at Bandera, Texas.
Burial was held at Quihi.

Pallbearers were: Hy. Bless of
Brackett, Texas; Joe Brucks, of Hon-
do, Texas; Hy. Lindeburg, of New
Fountain; Tony Heiligman, Fritz
Matke and Herman Heiligmann of
San Antonio, Texas.

The bereaved husband and family
have the heartfelt sympathy of a
large circle of friends.

FORMER HONDO MAN DIES.

Henry H. Heyen, a native son of
Quihi community and formerly a
business man in Hondo before mov-
ing to Lockhart some twenty-five or
thirty years ago, died at his home in
that place Thursday night of last
week, March 2, 1939. He was 61
years of age. Funeral services were
held Saturday afternoon, with Rev.
H. J. Rest, pastor of the Evangelical
Lutheran church, officiating.

Mr. Heyen was married in early
manhood to Miss Annie Schweers.
The widow and three daughters, Mrs.
Tommy Knight, Mrs. Millie Smith
and Mrs. Ross Smith, all of Lockhart,
survive. One son, Allan Heyen, died
some years ago. Mr. Heyen is also
survived by five brothers, Willie,
Louis, Fritz and Emil, all of whom
live in Hondo, and Herman Heyen of
California, and two sisters, Mrs. Fritz
Wohlschlegel of Hondo and Mrs. Fritz
Wohlschlegel of Bisbee, Arizona.

The managing editor first met the
deceased in the spring of 1897 in the
district courtroom in Hondo when the
two took the teachers' examination.
They both engaged in the teaching
profession for a few years, and when
they later both engaged in business
in Hondo, lived for some years as
next door neighbors. During this as-
sociation, he proved himself in every
way a man, a neighbor and a friend
worthy of every confidence. His fam-
ily, his friends, his community and
his country is poorer for the passing
of such a man—a man the like of
whom the world stands much in need.

MRS. MARY SCHMIDT FUNERAL IN DEVINE.

Mrs. Mary Schmidt, aged 75 years,
widow of Peter Schmidt, who died 12
years ago at his farm home in Medina
County near Devine, died Thursday
night at the home of a granddaughter,
Mrs. Julia Hartung, 126 Tennes-
see Avenue, in Harlandale.

Born in Poffengan, Durkheim,
Germany, in 1863, Mrs. Schmidt
came to Texas in 1874 as a young
girl. She was married in 1881. Her
maiden name was Miss Mary
Schwartz. She had lived in San An-
tonio for about 10 years, going there
a few years after the death of her
husband.

She is survived by one son, Martin
Schmidt of Devine, Texas, and three
granddaughters, Mrs. Julia Hartung,
E. O. and E. H. Frazier; also four
great-grandchildren, all of San An-
tonio; two brothers, Emil and Joe
Mueller of LaCoste. Funeral services
were held Saturday, March 4, at
10:30 A. M. at St. Joseph's Church in
Devine. Funeral arrangements by R.
R. Redus, funeral director of Devine,
Texas.

DR. J. W. NIXON DEAD.

Died in Gonzales, Texas, March 5,
1939, Dr. James W. Nixon Sr., age
84 years, residence, Gonzales, Texas.
He is survived by sons, R. L. Nixon,
Gonzales, and Dr. James W. Nixon
Jr., San Antonio; daughter, Mrs. P.
M. Kenley, Austin, Texas; several
brothers and sisters, and nine grand-
children. Funeral services were held
Monday, March 6, at 4 P. M. from
the residence in Gonzales, Texas. In-
terment being made in the Gonzales
Cemetery.

Dr. Nixon was known to many Me-
dina County people, being a brother
of the late John P. Nixon of Yancey
and for several years associated with
him in the ranching business on the
upper Seco creek.

He had lived in Gonzales all his
life and, in addition to his ranching
interests, practiced medicine until
his retirement about 20 years ago.

LET US DO YOUR CUSTOM

GRINDING

And

FEED MIXING

AT

Brucks Feed Store

PHONE 33

PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

"A man is never astonished that
he doesn't know what another does,
but he is surprised at the gross ig-
norance of the other in not knowing
what he does."—Haliburton.

The red-bird is in bloom and a
truck-load of it was seen on Hondo's
North front street this week . . . and
to add to the further delight of the
Spring "florophile" like Ferdinand
the Bull the huisache is feathering
out in fragrant yellow balls.

On Thursday of this week, March
9, 1939, it was 34 years that the first
loaf of bread was baked at the City
Bakery, which opened for business
on March 9, 1905, under Mr. Matt
Rath's ownership and management.
Mr. Rath says things have certainly
changed in those thirty-four years.
"It used to be that everything was
done by hand but now we only push
a button or throw a switch and take
it easy." And as things became
streamlined, Mr. Rath says he follow-
ed the trend of the times: "I used
to make a great big doughnut with a
little bit of a hole, and now I make
a great big hole with a little bit of a
doughnut." And do they like it?—
I'll say they do!

Feminine friends of ELROY and
HERBERT GERDES are afraid it
isn't music alone that has charm for
them at Sabinal every Saturday
night . . . Congratulations to MRS.
JOE HABY who celebrated a birth-
day this week . . . DOC WALCH is
reported pleased with his job working
on the railroad track in Dunlay . . .
People who "breeze along in the
breeze" are MURRILL STIEGLER
and MRS. ADOLPH LUTZ . . . and
those who amble are EARL EARN-
EST, ROY GRANT and VOLNEY
BOON.

Did you know that: HENRY
SCHULTE was a great uncle at the
age of 28 and the new baby of the
WALTER GRELLS makes him one
for the third time . . . that the art
work on the school paper from "The
Juajilla," "The HUAJILLA" to "THE
OWL" was done by former H. H. S.
students—WALLACE HEATH, now
an architect in New York City,
JULES SCHMIDT, now a banker in
the same metropolis, and ISABEL
SCHNEIDER GABER and ORIGEN
CROW of Hondo . . . friends of DOL-
LY TAYLOR say she can be as hilari-
ously funny as film comedienne
JOAN DAVIS?

Sunday's Fort Worth Star Tele-
gram carried a laughing, sunny pic-
ture of "Bunny" . . . FRANCES
ANN and LOUIS GRUBE's young
harum-scarum . . . letters to friends
from the Grube's new Ft. Worth
home reveal "never a dull moment"
with play-going, literary clubs, golf
and badminton, church socials, and
gardening and the job.

Sheriff C. J. Schuchle and Mr. O.
J. Bader were in Nuevo Laredo Mon-
day on business again connected with
the extradition of John "Snake" Par-
ker, negro wanted here for the mur-
der of Roy Embrey over a year ago.
Mr. Schuchle says Parker's return to
this side looks promising at this time
if there are no further legal hitches.
Mr. Schuchle has made about 33 trips
to various parts of Mexico in his ef-
forts to secure Parker's extradition.

This shop is equipped to do all
kinds of commercial printing and our
prices are reasonable. We can also
handle your orders for lithographing,
embossing or blank-book manufac-
turing. When it's office or com-
mercial stationery ring telephone 127
first.

Old-Fashioned Tribute to Modern
Loveliness, OLD SPICE AMERICAN
TOILETRIES; Toilet Water, Bath
Powder, Bath Salts, Talcum Powder,
Soap, Gift Sets; Again on display at
FLY DRUG CO.

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Rothe arrived
home Thursday of this week from
Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Rothe
had been a patient at the Mayo
Brothers Clinic for several weeks.
Mrs. Rothe is greatly improved in
health and stood the trip home very
well.

Please remember, we can go any-
where when our services are desired
—day or night. Just ring Phone 75,
and we will attend to everything.
JNO. A. HORGER, Funeral Director

A. C. Reus, one of Hondo's pro-
gressive young farmers, was a caller
at this office Saturday. Like the
rest of us, Mr. Reus is anxious for
the long delayed rain.

FOR SALE—Two young Barred
Rock Roosters—nine months old; also
a few pullets—\$1.00 each. Phone
127-3 rings or apply at Anvil Herald
office.

The Hondo Land Company has
some excellent bargains in town
lots. See Geo. H. Kimney or Fletcher
Davis for particulars.

A. L. Haegelin was a business cal-
ler at this office Wednesday. Mr.
Haegelin is just recovering from an
attack of flu.

Mr. Melvin Rossman and mother
of San Antonio were here for the
funeral of Mrs. Henry Saathoff
Thursday.

Mrs. George Zuercher of LaCoste
spent the week here with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graff.

Pound on the Anvil, and Herald
your wares.—Consistent advertising
gets you there.

Mrs. Aaron Bendele paid this of-
fice a business call Wednesday.

Miss Mae Routt was a pleas-
ant caller at this office Monday.

All kinds of drinks, at CARLE'S
CONFECTIONERY.

When you want
First class job
Printing
Ring
127.

HARRY E. FILLEMAN

Phone 206 for Prompt and Efficient
Service

THE
Raye
SHOW STARTS
AT 7:45
P. M.
MATINEE SAT.—SUN. 2:30 P. M.
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
March 10th-11th
GEORGE O'BRIEN
in—
"Gun Law"
Gun law comes to Gun Sight . . .
toughest town in the Old West . . .
where a quick trigger was the
best life insurance.
Also New Episode Of
"Hawk of The Wilderness"
AND A SHORT SUBJECT
"SO DOES AN AUTOMOBILE"
SUNDAY - MONDAY
March 12th-13th
PETER LORRE
RICARDO CORTEZ
VIRGINIA FIELD
—IN—
**"Mr. Moto's Last
Warning"**
Mr. Moto takes a hand to trap
a renegade who wanted to blow
the world into the inferno of
another war.
Also a Short Subject
"BOY SHOULD KNOW"
TUESDAY - WEDNES-
DAY - THURSDAY
March 14th-15th-16th
MICKEY ROONEY
in—
the Adventures of—
**"Huckleberry
Finn"**
Come down the Mississippi on a
raft with Huckleberry Finn and
see Mark Twain's literary classic
live again.
Also a Short Subject
"JAIBUR, THE PINK CITY"
And A Paramount News Reel
★
COMING
JACK BENNY
JOAN BENNETT
in—
**"Artists and Models
Abroad"**
Show Now Starts at 7:45 P. M.
— THE RAYE —

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS.
No. 1461
Estate of Julia Campbell,
Deceased.
In the County Court of Medina
County, Texas.
The undersigned, having been ap-
pointed as administrator of the estate
of Julia Campbell, deceased, late of
Medina County, Texas, by the Hon.
A. H. Rothe, Judge of the County
Court for said County, on the 1st
day of February, 1939, during a
regular term of said court, hereby
notifies all persons indebted to said
estate to come forward and make
settlement, and those having claims
against said estate to present them
to him within the time prescribed by
law, at his residence in D'Hanis, in
Medina County, Texas, where he
receives his mail, this, the 9th day of
February, 1939.
ARMSTEAD CAMPBELL,
Administrator of the estate of
Julia Campbell, Deceased.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS
Notice is hereby given that I will
be at the following named places on
dates given below, for the purpose
of collecting 1939 auto taxes, and as-
sessing for the year 1939:
D'HANIS, March 13, 9 A. M. to 5
P. M.
The Law requires that you must
furnish us with your 1938 Registra-
tion Receipt. Do not fail to bring it!

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

A community spirit of loyalty to community enterprises is a community's best asset; to advertise its lack of unity when you shop with outside competitors!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—JUST WHAT YOU NEED—WINDROW DRUG STORE.

Mr. Wm. Ziegenbaig had as his guest the first of the week his friend, Henry Wenck, of Falls City.

John Krenmueller, the Dunlay Service Station man, was a business caller at this office Tuesday.

DR. TAYLOR, DENTIST, OFFICE AT RESIDENCE (1 block E. of courthouse). PHONE 39.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished southeast bed-room—Phone 127-3 rings or apply at Anvil Herald office.

Mrs. B. R. Eichenroht of San Antonio is spending the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brucks.

Judge and Mrs. H. E. Haass and Miss Ada Bell Carter visited Mrs. Ella Sauer in Brackettville Sunday morning.

HAVE YOUR EGGS CUSTOM HATCHED IN AN ALL ELECTRIC INCUBATOR AT MUMME'S HATCHERY.

Cooper's Cattle Dip, testing fluid and tablets. Cutter Blackleg Vaccine—Large supply at WINDROW DRUG STORE.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Parsons arrived last week from Houston for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parsons.

Mrs. R. C. Rath and Mrs. Volney Don were in San Antonio Thursday to attend a bridge party given by Mrs. August Finger.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eckhart of Bandera were among the many out-of-town relatives here Sunday for the funeral of the late Mrs. A. C. Thallman.

FOR SALE—6-room brick house, with 2 1/2 acres of ground—good lot, garage—\$2000. Terms. Phone 127-3 rings or apply at Anvil Herald office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Shepard and little son, John Wayne, of Corpus Christi visited Mrs. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crow, last week-end.

Who has a moderately improved farm of 40 to 60 acres, with some timber land, for sale at a reasonable price? Communicate with the Hondo Land Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. King and family spent Sunday in Batesville with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer King, and their new grandson, Jerry King.

WE HAVE ON HAND, THE STANDARD POULTRY TONIC FOR CHICKENS, TURKEYS AND ALL POULTRY—6 for \$5.00—WINDROW DRUG STORE.

IT'S SPRING—ENJOY IT! FLATTERING NEW SPRING DRESSES AND HATS, THE PERFECT ANSWER TO A COLORFUL SEASON. HOLLMIG'S DRESS SHOP.

Mrs. E. J. Leinweber returned the first of the week from Temple where she had been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. D. W. Short. Mr. Short is spending the week there with Mrs. Short.

Herbert Decker was a caller at this office Saturday. Herbert has been putting in some earnest work for the Medina REA project and expects to see the object achieved in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sprenger took advantage of the spring-like afternoon Sunday and drove out from San Antonio for a short visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Sprenger is a veteran employee of the San Antonio post office.

Mrs. Louisa Hitzfelder, Mrs. Otto Hitzfelder and daughter, Miss Hazel, and Miss Florentina Bohl of LaCrosse attended the County Council of Club Women here Saturday. While here Misses Jungman and Bohl paid this office an appreciated call.

A shower of rain fell early Tuesday morning, amounting to .14 of an inch. Precipitation was reported somewhat heavier out West of here and also in the Devine section. A good general rain is badly needed at this time, and the heavy clouds that have been prevalent all week have many one hoping for a downpour.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Poerner, daughter and son, Miss Emma Poerner and Mr. William Poerner, were up from Devine Wednesday, looking after business and visiting with Huguette, Miss Emma and Wilma's great-aunt. The venerable old lady will celebrate her 90th birthday April. While in Hondo Mr. Poerner and family visited the printshop.

Dr. O. B. Taylor, Adjutant of Hal American Legion Post No. 128, has received a letter from National Adjutant Frank E. Samuel in which he compliments the local post as follows: "The records at National Headquarters indicate that your Post has recently won the 'Distinguished Service Citation.' This is an indication that your Post has played a most important part in surpassing all national membership records at this season of our year. We want you to know of our gratitude for this inspiring achievement. It will be appreciated if you will extend to your Post my heartiest congratulations."

The American Legion occupies a position of great prestige and leadership in the Nation. Such continued activity on the part of your Post will go far toward maintaining the organization in its gratifying position.

QUIHI NOTES.

Give me children, or else I die Gen. 30:1.

"Give me liberty or give me death." Often quoted. We understand the saying. Know the speaker and his stand. Patriotism was in flower then. It usually thrives best when critical times prevail. The despotic hand of the British king was lying heavily upon the American colonies. The fundamental requisites for civic welfare, the freedom of speech, press, assembly, petition, religion, etc. was hampered or denied. Life to Patrick Henry, and a few others, under such restrictions, was not worth living. (Give me) "a horse for a kingdom!" An English king has exclaimed it. We understand him. He was cornered by his enemies. Captivity and death stared him in the face. A horse might help him to escape. Life, even if poor and miserable, is more valuable than lying in state, a corpse, before a golden throne. "Give me a place where to stand, and I will lift this universe off its hinges." Another "Give me" slogan that makes its rounds. Archimedes, a Greek scientist and mechanic, is reported as the author. He was so deeply convinced of the lifting power of a lever, then new, now applied in hundreds of ways, that a lever, large enough, and a stand somewhere, with a fulcrum where to rest that lever on, might pry the whole world, then considered stationary, from its foundations. In his scholarly pride he somewhat over-shot the mark, but we understand him and the new principle he was glorying over. Modernized minds and dispositions, however, will hardly understand Rachel's: "Give me children, or else I die." True, she was barren. But why so tragic, almost delirious about it? She had all her time to herself; no bother, no worry, no disturbed night hours, no problems to solve, no expense, no noise, no scratched or broken furniture and window panes, no wash-tub slavery, ironing board exercise, tidying up all day, no ruffled mind about children's squabbles, no fastidious cooking for ever hungry "tummies", no disciplinary actions with and without the strap, no patching and darning, no nervous watching and waiting for possible injuries, no aggravating moments at their books in the evening, no groans to listen to, no agonizing moments at the sickbed during epidemics of children diseases, no watching of dear little feverish eyes closing forever. Nothing to fear at their birth, nothing to lament over at their death, if there are no children. Why that fearful complaint, that daily self-torture? Why not sing and whistle? She had her meal-ticket, her old age security, her bounteous resources for a bright future. Undisturbed, she could spend the whole day in bed or the bath-tub or in her boudoir, surrounded by mirrors and a battalion of vases and bottles and flasks and jars, and a maid or two trotting around nervously with a few kits of cosmetic instruments and combs and brushes to keep milady in up-to-date trim. And the night was ever young and suitable for whatever fads society indulged in during her times, dress and jewelry parade, a little art, a little gossip, whirling, flirting, a little drinking (various capacities), gambling, perhaps a few escapades in the romantic moonlight and then return in the wee small hours of the morn with the feeling of having spent another glorious and exceptionally useful evening, if she could remember that much. Why should Rachel wail? Of course, human society needs the family as a social unit, it needs children growing up into men and women to carry on business, government, progress, to provide bread and bread-winners, to provide defense and defenders in case of war attacks, to build the future of culture and civilization in general. Well, let her sister Leah or other sisters provide children for all that. The fear that the white race will gradually lose its lead and make room for inferiors and degenerates, need not bother her. After us the deluge. What do I care what happens after I'm dead, she might have argued. She even might have claimed a higher stage of perfection by her "virginity" or console her mind that her childless condition has not been brought about by devices of control and prevention of childbirth. And the Lord's injunction, "Be fruitful and multiply, etc." she can dismiss with a defiant gesture. Why does she not enjoy all the advantages of emancipation offered to her on a platter? Modern minds will not understand her sorrow and lamentation. And yet, from the viewpoint of a Christian mother, was her grief unfounded?

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Dear Mr. Burgin:

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I went to Devine the following day and had the pleasure of riding out over 173 in both directions from Devine. I believe that if you and others interested in Highway Construction will go down to Devine and ride over the splendid road that is being constructed that you will return home with renewed enthusiasm and a firm desire to leave no stone unturned until this road is connected through from Hondo to the Coast.

It is my belief that this road will add more value to your county than any road that you could construct, due to the saving in freight on commodities that you raise in Medina County. This saving in freight will remain in the pockets of the people of Medina County and will be spent largely with home Merchants.

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Yours very truly,
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wakes up when the wheels come to a stop. But they've enjoyed the contrast and especially the various samples of Texas weather.

Announcements for March 12:
English service at 10:30; Sunday school at 9:30; German service at New Fountain at 2; Luther League program at 7 P. M. You are cordially invited.

CORPUS CHRISTI ROAD MAN HERE.

Mr. W. M. Neyland, Highway Representative of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, was here Thursday of last week in the interest of Highway No. 173. He held a conference in the county court room with officers of the Hondo Chamber of Commerce, and other interested parties and went into considerable detail as to the importance of the early construction of this Highway from deep water to the hill country. He showed by the map in a graphic manner how a vast area of the hill country would be benefitted by the road. There would be a material saving in freight rates in both directions, there would be a large tourist traffic over the road, and the ease of access to the hills would cause many coast residents to develop summer homes where they could enjoy the cool, restful mountain air in summer and wild game hunting in winter.

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VICAR OF CHRIST (Food For Thought)

If Christ would walk the earth again... If I would go to Christ with my troubles... If Christ Himself would guide and lead us on...

Vicar of Christ. As such does the entire world recognize one, look to one Pope. "Papa" apparently taken from the Greek meaning "Father". Where are the other founders of religions? Confucius, Mohammed and modern reformers? What stand do they take in the present turmoil? We remember Macaulay's saying concerning the papacy and London Bridge. Its fulfillment seemed not far off recently and who knows but made Chamberlain fly to Berchtesgaden. We need not relate the history of the Vicar who passed away. We felt secure behind his adamant stand for peace and justice—not the stand of the man but of his Divine Master. The present Vicar apparently as the Christ Who made him is the expectation of the nations.

We sometimes ask ourselves why a throne and tiara—triple crown—when the Master ascended a cross and wore a crown of thorns? We see the throne and crown but fail to see the cross and thorns. Do we maybe not remember any more how the Pius who passed sacrificed his life and suffered so that a world may have peace! Then we wonder why, after the sacrifice the world's politics can suddenly turn. We see but the greatness of the office and splendor of the court and maybe never realized that this splendor may be suffered reluctantly and the office entered upon only in obedience to the Master, Christ.

The writer of these lines was in Rome when the present Holy Father was invested as a cardinal. Pacelli had then been a legate and ambassador at a number of courts and just come from Germany where his life had been threatened as an ambassador of the Church. But all this time it had been his ardent desire to retire from these dignities and do the work of a simple priest. So also his predecessor had been living in relative obscurity for 61 years before he ever was called to dignities and the chair of the First Apostle.

If Christ would walk the earth again and work miracles... Have we not a miracle right here? Great religious figures are forgotten, the mighty Tzardom has toppled and England the mighty herself started stooping down to dictators. Only one took a stand and commands them, the one on the chair of St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ, because he is the Vicar of Christ. There are no planes or armadas to back up his stand, just the word of Christ "shall not prevail against it". Sunday, March 12, Coronation day, let us Christians all say a prayer for the Vicar of Christ.

P. J. POTGENS.
HONDO H. D. CLUB.

The Hondo Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Louis Bohmfalk, March 7. After the opening exercises, the report was given by the Council Delegate. Thirteen members and one guest, Mrs. L. H. Crabtree, attended.

On March 15, there will be an educational tour to Austin, when the Legislature and other places of interest will be visited. Some of our members are planning to go.

"Legends of Native Scrubs and Trees" was the topic of the program, and each member present described some tree, shrub or flower and told of its uses and read legends and myths connected with it. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in recreation when several games were played.

Mrs. Bohmfalk served cocoa and cookies.

The Next Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Andrew Braden Tuesday, March 21, at 2 P. M., when Miss Foley will give a cutting and seed bed demonstration. Miss Dosea Hale, Extension Specialist in child development and Parent Education, will also be present and give a talk to the members.

—Reporter.
MURPHY H. D. CLUB.

Mrs. L. A. Wiemers was hostess to the Murphy Home Demonstration Club Tuesday, February 28, 1939. The members met at 9:30 A. M. Mrs. Wiemers demonstrated three kinds of cheese, the demonstration being very successful.

The noon lunch was served picnic style. The president called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. After the meeting adjourned, ten members were served cheese, butter, bread, cookies, cake and coffee.

—Reporter.

OPENING OF CORNELIUS A. HABY'S NEW PLACE ON NEW CASTROVILLE ROAD

SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11th

ALL-NIGHT DANCING at Steve's Place

Music By
JERRY McRAE and her ALL-GIRL ORCHESTRA and JOHN NENT-WICH'S ORCHESTRA

FREE BEER—11:00 to 12:00—TO ALL PAID ADMISSIONS

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DUNLAY H. D. CLUB.

The Dunlay H. D. Club held its second meeting of February at the home of Mrs. F. J. Zerr. Nine members and five guests were present.

The making of three kinds of cheese was demonstrated. Mrs. F. J. Zerr demonstrated the pop corn type cottage cheese; Mrs. John Hutzler the processed cottage cheese; and Mrs. J. D. Schweers the Neufchatel Cheese. Each gave a short lecture while preparing the cheese.

Mrs. J. D. Schweers also demonstrated the making of butter in which she stressed the importance of right temperature of cream when ready to churn, and cleaning and wrapping butter for market.

A cold drink prepared by combining whey, sugar and pineapple was then sampled by the members and guests.

Several games and contests were held for recreation. Delicious cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Zerr. Then followed a taste of each of the cheeses made.

On March 1st, the club met with Miss Foley at the home of Mrs. Joe Steinie. Nine members and three guests were present.

For recreation a Texas Independence acoustic, and a peanut relay were held. The various committees were called on for reports. The council delegate gave a report of the last council meeting.

Miss Foley was then given charge of the meeting. She gave a very instructive lecture on preparing cuttings for cutting beds. Points stressed were the length of the cutting to be used, the condition of the wood of the cutting, young wood being the best. The cuttings that Miss Foley prepared while giving her lecture were then planted in a cutting bed, watered well and covered with straw. Shading of the cuttings was also stressed.

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—REPORTER.

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RIO-CLIFF H. D. CLUB.

On March 2nd, the Rio-Cliff Home Demonstration club met at 2 P. M. at the home of Mrs. F. C. Stinson. The demonstration was on making cuttings beds and choosing proper cuttings which was given by Miss Foley.

Mrs. Theodore Wurzbach was appointed chairman of the expansion committee.

Sandwiches, congealed vegetable salad, cake and coffee were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Theodore Wurzbach March 16, 1939.

—REPORTER.

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WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS

by
James Preston

The opinions here expressed are
Mr. Preston's own and not necessarily those of this paper.—M. E.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

The Congress of the United States had a birthday March 4. That date marks the 150th anniversary of this greatest of all great American institutions—an institution of the people, by the people and for the people, as Lincoln so aptly described it.

No elaborate ceremonies marked the occasion, but Americans might well pause and reflect that it is a joyous occasion. Congress, they should remember is the elected voice of the people in government. It is the people's servant. In other lands, the citizen has no voice in government. Instead, the citizen is the servant of government.

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So, on March 4, we whose freedom is the envy of the world, paid tribute to the institution that exemplifies self-government. Many happy returns of the day. May a free Congress never perish!

—WSS—

Passages from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament may have a 1939 counterpart in Washington.

The Biblical story concerns an "ever normal granary" system put into operation by Joseph to feed Pharaoh's people during seven years of drought. The modern version is basically the same but administration economists, unblushingly, have "improved" and expanded the idea.

Joseph, so the story goes, dreamed of seven fat cows and seven lean cows. In the dream, the lean cows ate the fat cows. To Joseph this foretold seven years of plenty followed by seven years of drought. Accordingly, he stored grain surpluses during the seven bumper crop years and thus had food for the people of Egypt in the seven lean years.

Whether a dream plays any part in the 1939 version isn't known, but the idea is the same. However, things that Joseph never dreamed of are included in the proposed storage scheme—steel, radio, and automobiles.

Author of the modern counterpart is an Agriculture Department economist. His plan is advocated in a book he recently completed and which has just been published. It put into operation, his proposal would set in advance the amount of goods—on farm or in factory—that would be produced each year. Each producer would be assigned a "quota" as his share of business, and surpluses would be stored for future demands.

The author says his plan is not to be considered as representing the official views of the administration. However, the book was published with the knowledge and consent of the Agriculture Department.

—WSS—

The subject of surpluses, incidentally, is still a troublesome one in the Capital City. Even without the "planned surpluses" idea just mentioned in operation, the government is having a difficult time with surpluses in existence.

Now, therefore, a new twist to the much talked "two price plan" is being considered in official circles. The idea is to keep the price level up for the American consumer, but throw surpluses into the foreign market on a pay-us-what-you-want-to basis.

—WSS—

The state of uneasiness that has prevailed in the radio broadcasting industry over apparent plans for greater government control of radio, is spreading to other quarters—in and out of Washington.

Latest "scare" is the legislative proposal to reorganize the Federal Communications Commission and make one an virtual director of the radio waves. The proposal probably would not have caused so much excitement had it not been preceded by a widely published magazine article making several startling statements about the motive behind reorganization of the FCC. In a nut shell, the story declared bluntly that the aim was eventual government operation or supervision of all radio stations and programs.

New quarters now showing concern include publishers and political groups. Some publishers are letting it be known they fear this is only the first step toward control of free speech and the press. Political groups are fearful of what might happen in election years if the political party in power had complete control of what did and did not go on the air.

"NOBODY'S BUSINESS."

By
Julian Capers, Jr.

The opinions here expressed are the author's own and not necessarily those of this paper.—M. E.

AUSTIN, March 6.—All eyes in Austin this week-end were turned upon subcommittees of the House revenue and constitutional amendments committees, which were scheduled to report to the two committees jointly some kind of a revenue bill early in the week. The committees have ended weeks of hearings upon a variety of assorted tax bills, including transactions tax, sales tax, gross receipts tax, net income tax, gross income tax, natural resources tax, "use" tax, and various combinations of all these taxes.

Best opinion here was that whatever taxing action is taken by the House will be in the form on a constitutional amendment. The liberal pensions program promulgated by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, together with other social security needs, calls for an additional expenditure by the State of somewhere between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000 annually, depending upon just how liberal a pension policy is finally adopted. This legislature apparently is wholly unwilling to take the responsibility, on its own motion, of laying such a terrific financial burden upon the already heavily loaded tax-payers of the State. Whether the solons are willing to pass the responsibility on to the people, by submitting a constitutional amendment levying the tax, remains to be seen. At any rate, few here believe that any taxes will be inflicted unless the people do so, directly at the ballot box.

Hope Voters Wake Up

Conservatives in the Legislature hope that the wide discussion of taxes which has resulted from the long hearings may have aroused the people to a knowledge that they cannot have several hundred thousand people living off the State without digging down into their own pockets to pay the bill. They hope the "pensions for everybody" sentiment, aroused by demagogues and nurtured by professional pension agitators for profit, involves only a minority of the voting population of Texas, and that, confronted with the serious business of levying thirty to fifty millions of new taxes upon their own backs, the same citizenship may outvote the gimmecrats, reject the tax program, and thereby declare for a sensible social security program of taking care of the actually needy only. With such a mandate directly from the people, the legislature could solve the state's financial problem in 30 days, without crippling business, industry, or other taxpaying groups.

Whiskey Bill Dead

Attorney General Gerald Mann virtually wrote the death warrant for the bill to legalize sale of liquor by the drink, when he handed down an opinion, in response to a House committee request, holding that such traffic is in direct violation of the constitutional provision, forbidding open saloons. The best constitutional lawyers in Austin have held this view all along. They hold a similar view on the constitutionality of the bills to legalize race horse gambling under a "local option" scheme. They say there is no authority in the Texas constitution for local option on anything except sales of beer and liquor.

Truck Bill Loses

To E. B. Hamilton, second-term legislator from Hillsboro, fell the role of casting the decisive vote in one of the most spectacular battles of the present session. A member of the House highways and motor traffic committee, Hamilton voted against a favorable report of the bills by Homer Leonard, to raise the 7,000-pound truck load limit, after the other 20 committee members had divided 10 to 10. Thus the bill failed of a favorable report, 11 to 10, and its only chance now in the House is to get it printed on minority report, which appears unlikely. The battle ended one of the most hotly contested lobbying efforts seen in Austin in recent years. The railroad lobby recruited about 50 active workers, beside the three house members who are railroad employees, and divided the house membership up so that each lobbyist had to check only three House members. They worked night and day, and won, despite a vigorous effort by truckers, Rio Grande valley grapefruit and vegetable interests and other farmer and shipping interests throughout the State. Those voting for the Leonard bill included Monkhouse of Uvalde; Allison of Levealand; Burkett of Cisco; Burney of Evant; Gilmer of Rocksprings; Goodman of Midland; Howington of Comanche; Mays of Atlanta; Mohr-

—WSS—

Some observers believe the affair may soon break into the open as a major controversy, in which the publishers may ally themselves with the broadcasters to fight down the control menace.

—WSS—

After many months of research, WPA has completed a study of agricultural unemployment and technological development of farm implements. The findings shed interesting light on the question of "do machines kill jobs or create more jobs?"

Here is what the study disclosed: Although about 1 billion man-hours of labor per year have been displaced on the farm by adoption of the tractor, truck and automobile, more than a billion man-hours of work have been created in the manufacture, maintenance and service of these machine age creations.

In addition to the favorable balance in work created, the study showed that about 35 million acres of farm land previously necessary for pasture or feeding of horses have been released for production of more crops.



WELL-PLANTED IS HALF MADE.

By T. C. Richardson, Secretary
Breeder-Feeder Association

Three best time to cultivate the crop is before it is planted. All the things that go into the making of a good seed bed for the particular crop affect the harvest months ahead, and no amount of cultivation afterwards will overcome the lack of proper preparation before the seed goes into the ground. Besides, putting the bare land in good tilth ahead of planting time is easier to do than to worry with cloddy, trashy fields in the first cultivation when the little seedlings are so easy to cover up.

You cannot make a full yield without a full stand; you cannot get a good stand without a good seed-bed and good seed; you cannot hold a full stand in a rough field without wasting a lot of time at the first cultivation; and you can't give the tender seedlings that extra boost by any early working with harrow or fine-tooth cultivator in rough land. Add it all up and it is better to delay planting a few days to prepare a good seed bed than to "nigger it in" and hope for "luck".

All the work that goes into build-

man of Gonzales and Leonard of McAllen. Against it were Rhodes of Hearne; Fuchs of Brenham; Hamilton of Hillsboro; Harper of Jefferson; McAllister of Fort Worth; Reader of San Antonio; Reed of Dallas; Robinson of Galveston; Stoll of Taylor; Turner of Cameron and Wood of Marshall. Reed and Wood are railroad employees.

Fair Trades Bill Reported

The fair trades practice act, sponsored by a group of independent drug stores, which forbids "loss leader" sales and fixes minimum prices at which merchandise may be sold, came out of subcommittees of both house and Senate, sitting jointly, with overwhelmingly favorable reports. It has passed twice in the House before, but was killed in the Senate. This time, endorsed by all the leading candidates for Governor and many legislative candidates in last July's elections, it seems certain of enactment.

Hunter Withdraws

Facing certain defeat of confirmation by the Senate, J. C. Hunter of Wichita Falls nominated two weeks ago by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel to be Highway Commission chairman, ended the deadlock between O'Daniel and the East Texas Senate group, who are demanding an East Texan as commissioner, by voluntarily asking the Governor to withdraw his name. Repeated canvasses showed the East Texans had sufficient votes to block confirmation, and they held their line against all attacks. Hunter, declaring he had been out of the State immediately before his nomination, and knew nothing of the bitter fight engendered by rejection of Carr P. Collins, told O'Daniel he wouldn't serve, unless the Senate indicated support of his nomination, and that he didn't want to drag the Highway Commission into a political fight. Speculation immediately revived here about the next nominee, with most of the names previously mentioned being brought up again, together with a rumor that John Wood, of East Texas, whose term expired in February, might be renominated by O'Daniel. Wood originally was an appointee of Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson.

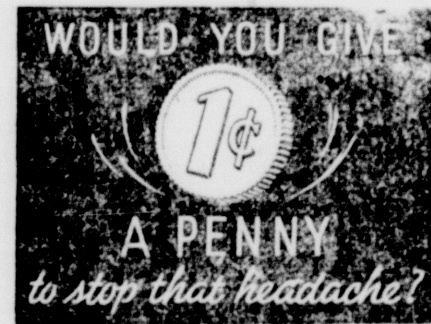


GUARANTEED TO KILL SCREW WORMS

ing or repairing terraces, plowing, bedding on the contour, re-bedding (and pulverizing where needed) is done more rapidly and can be done with a greater variety of implements than the work of planting and cultivating. The work of preparation also has wider limits in time, since (except for the final operation just prior to planting) it can be done as well one week as another. This is not true after the most favorable date of planting comes around on the calendar. From that time until the final cultivation every operation must be timed to the needs of the crop if best results are to be had.

The seedling stage is the most critical in the life of the plant, and the quicker the seedlings are able to establish good roots and shoot up to a vigorous stature the better the prospects of a crop and the easier to cultivate. If they have to struggle against poor soil conditions for germination and root formation they may never entirely overcome it, and if they do, they will be puny at the time they should be healthy. Who ever has painfully and slowly struggled to keep from covering up the little plants at the first cultivation knows how slow it goes, and wishes for the upstanding seedlings which spring from good seed in a good soil.

All seeds carry the food for starting the seedling on its way, but the food stored in the seed is soon exhausted. If soil conditions encourage rapid and vigorous root formation the plant is drawing food from the soil before the supply in the seed is exhausted, and grows off without delay. In a poor seed bed some plants die after germination for no other reason than that they were unable to establish roots quickly enough; others struggle along with a partial root system and finally survive, but they are never as strong, as large, as fruitful, as those which grow off naturally. Climatic hazards affect all plants of the same kind alike, but the vigorous ones recover quickest from



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Ask the most successful farmers you know and they will agree that a crop well planted is half made.

HONDO GIRL ON COLLEGE INTER-CLUB COUNCIL.

San Marcos, Texas, March 3.—Officers for the Inter-Club Council, among the more important student organizations on the campus of Southwest Texas Teachers College, were elected at the recent student elections and included the following: Doris Mahon of Dilley, president; Gussie Shaw of San Marcos, vice-president; and Honor Duderstadt of Hondo, secretary.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IN MEDINA COUNTY FOR 1938.

Nell L. Foley, County Home Demonstration Agent
(Continued from Last Week.)
Yard Improvement.

Since the home demonstration women have chosen yard improvement for one of the 1939 demonstrations, some preliminary work was done by the agent and yard specialist in helping the women start their improvement work.

In September, Miss Sadie Hatfield, Extension Landscape Specialist, conducted a two day training school for home demonstration agents and demonstrators. During the morning, Miss Hatfield taught the agents how to prune, ball and burlap native shrubs, identify native shrubs, and to draw landscape plans. During the afternoon of the first day of the school, Miss Hatfield planned the farm home grounds for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riff, Whole Farm demonstrators. On the second afternoon, the group was taught to make a cutting bed, and to prepare cuttings. This demonstration was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Riff, yard demonstrators in the Murphy community.

The agent has assisted demonstrators to draw plans for improving their yards, and in making necessary changes in these plans. I have also assisted two homemaking teachers and vocational Agriculture teachers to draw plans for improving the school ground, namely Devine and Yancey.

The agent talked to the P. T. A. at Yancey on the "Importance of Landscaping and Conservation". As a result of this talk, the P. T. A. is sponsoring a yard beautification program in that community.

As a result of the demonstration given in the county, there have been 14 yard plans completed, 6 yard plans started, 2 sub-irrigated cutting beds prepared, and 1072 cuttings set out, including deciduous and evergreens.

Mrs. Henry Windrow, yard demonstrator for the Hondo Home Demonstration Club, after drawing and completing her plans, removed a fence that separated the back yard and the service area, took up a number of trees from the back fence, and clearing the back yard thoroughly of all unnecessary rubbish, vines, etc. She resodded parts of the back yard with Bermuda grass, dug 4 four foot beds around the entire back fence, and sub-irrigated this bed, and put out deciduous and evergreen cuttings.

Child Development and Parent Education.

The agent collected and distributed material on self-help equipment for children in April for the home demonstration women to use at their second meeting. This material consisted of patterns for toys, storage boxes for toys, clothes closets, chairs, etc. As a result, 9 method demonstrations were given in their clubs by the women with 28 women providing storage space for toys and books, 3 children clothes closets, 15 other self help equipment.

"Books and Magazines for the Farm Home", was the subject discussed in home demonstration clubs in July and November.

Children's books and magazines were discussed and several suggested titles shown. These were obtained from the County Superintendent's office, who maintains a lending library for the rural schools. Some of these books for children, however, are textbooks which are used for the child in school, and have good coloring in pictures, and backs and good subject matter. The women were quite interested in this phase of the demonstration.

A number of books had been gotten from the lending library at Austin, and these were shown to the women and discussed. The agent also told the different groups how these books could be obtained by home demonstration women's clubs.

A varied group of magazines were also discussed and shown to the women, ranging from the farm magazines to the all-around home magazines.

As a result 10 homes have added one or more books for the home, and have subscribed for one or more magazines for the family.

It is not the gift, but the thought behind the gift, was the theme of the programs given to 4-H clubs on the expensive Christmas gifts during November.

The agent taught the girls how to make apple and orange Pomanders, foot warmers, tams and neckties, tie-dyeing to use in making neckties and bridge cloths, knitting slippers, etc. The girls were also shown how to wrap jelly, jam and other gifts from the farm pantry, to make attractive and useful gifts. The agent used white tissue, red ribbon, and green moss to pack the different gifts. Evergreens such as mistletoe, holly, and spruce were used on the outside of the gifts. The girls were urged to use the native shrub and tree leaves for their greenery and color in wrapping packages.

Radio

Three radio scripts were prepared for the agent, four given over KTSA, and one program assisted with, over WOAI, San Antonio.

The agent prepared the script for radio program on the "Home Food Supply" for Mrs. Robert Riff, home food supply demonstrator of the New Fountain community, and assisted Mrs. Riff in presenting the program over KTSA, San Antonio, on January 19, 1939.

Radio script was prepared for home food supply demonstrators, Mrs. Dan McCrea, Yancey, and Mrs. George T. Briscoe, Jr., of Devine, on November 11, for June 11. Due to Mrs. McCrea's illness, the agent read her script.

The agent read a prepared script for Miss Sadie Hatfield, Extension Specialist in Landscape Gardening, over KTSA on March 5, on "Landscaping in Other Lands".

The agent assisted with rehearsals for the 4-H Club Achievement broadcast over WOAI, San Antonio, on November 5. Melvera Rothe, D'Hanis 4-H Club girl, acted as Mistress of Ceremonies on the program.

On December 10, the agent prepared and presented a program over KTSA, San Antonio, on "Christmas in Other Lands".

Whole Farm Demonstration

The Whole Farm Demonstrations were conducted in the County during 1938, the Robert Riffs of the New Fountain community, North of Hondo, and the Henry Florys, north of Castroville.

Both of these farms are identical in one respect, and that is they have been passed down from father to children for years, and there is the pride of family ownership and a love of the land and the solidly built old farm homes that aren't often found.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riff, and their two children, Ruth, age 10, and Douglas, age 6, were anxious to begin the demonstration, and the entire family has participated in the improvements made. Mr. Riff raises cattle for the market, and grain and feed on the 346 acres which he owns. He often leases a hundred or two acres for pasture land. Mrs. Riff raises poultry and sells eggs and sometimes surplus milk.

Mr. Riff bought this farm from his father, it being the old family homestead, and Mr. Riff's childhood home. The farmstead, as a whole needed repairs and new buildings. Part of the family home is built of Native stone, built by Mr. Riff's father, with other rooms and porches added as needed.

With this picture in mind the Riffs sat down with the agents early in January, and, after taking an inventory of the farm and home, made the following plans for the year and for future improvements:

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To plant fields contour fashion to prevent erosion.

Build a pit or trench silo in order to conserve the feed supply.

Improve breed and beef cattle.

Eradicate Johnson grass on fifty acres of land.

HOME:

Standardize and improve poultry flock and pens.

Enlarge home garden and add new fence.

Sub-irrigate garden.

Put out small orchard and berry vines.

Refinish furniture.

Improve and add to bedding.

Begin landscaping of yard.

LONG TIME PLANS:

Complete eradicating of grass.

Remodel farm buildings.

Sell all old farm implements and buy complete new farm outfit.

Add electricity.

Add sewer system.

Remodel farm home.

Complete landscaping plans.

After these plans were made, the Riffs set to work to carry them out.

The Agents recommended a system of bookkeeping which was to supplant their old method, and which they adopted. Excellent records have been kept. (The records submitted, herewith, are on a eleven month basis as December results, expenses, etc. have not been recorded. The new car does not come into the inventory, nor expense, nor does the sale of corn which had been sold in December.)

In May, Mr. Riff had a major operation, therefore, most of the work on the farm had to be done by hired help. Also, this section of the county has suffered a major drought, and, as a result, crops, garden, and feed stuff has not produced so well.

Despite the adverse conditions, the family has managed to complete a number of their 1938 aims.

The fields were contour-planted, ten acres of pasture land was cleared, and the 50-acre Johnson grass patch was plowed three times, and harrowed twice, laid one-hundred feet of tile to sub-irrigate garden, set out twelve Boysen berry vines, cleared away old chicken yard fence, put up new ones, and cleaned all chicken yards, enlarged and put up new garden fence, cleared away yard fences, and drew landscape plans for landscaping yard.

Mrs. Riff also added to her bedding by buying wool batting for comforters. In addition to the aim they set out to accomplish, the Riffs have purchased a new car, bought a new motor for the wind mill and repaired the wheel, and paid off the principal and interest due on their farm loan. Due to Mr. Riff's illness and the drought, the silo was not added, nor the orchard put out. However, the site for the orchard has been chosen, and the order for the trees have been placed, and after the first rain, the Riffs plan to set out the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Riff are both civic minded. They give much of their time to bettering the school conditions. Mr. Riff serves as a trustee, and doing church work, and extension work. Mrs. Riff is president of the Missionary Society in her church, active in the local home demonstra-

tion club, secretary-treasurer of the County Home Demonstration Council. In January, she gave a talk over Station KTSA, San Antonio on her 1937 home food supply demonstration. Mr. Riff is president of the County Council, local director of a Rural Electrification project, and is interested in every worth while project—he gives his time and money in helping to better the living conditions for the Community and County.

During the year the Agent has made six visits to this demonstration. These visits included the planning of the demonstration, taking the farm and home inventory, assisting with laying sub-irrigation tile for the garden, planning the orchard site, and selecting varieties of trees and vines for the orchard, planning the landscaping of the yard, and assisting in drawing plans for the yard, and checking final results for the year.

In September, Miss Sadie Hatfield, Landscape Specialist, gave a group of home demonstration agents, and yard demonstrators a demonstration on planning a farmstead at the Riff home. Miss Hatfield checked the original plans, and made suggestions for improving the home grounds.

This is a Whole Farm Demonstration in that the whole family does the planning, and the "doing", and enjoys it.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flory of the Rio Medina Community have carried on a somewhat different type of demonstration.

When the agents made the first visit, plans for the improvement of the farm and home were made, and an inventory of the farm and home and the equipment on hand was taken.

Some of the goals set up for the year have been reached, easily, others have been started and not completed.

Mr. Flory eradicated twelve hills of cut ants, during the early spring, cleared the under brush out from the pecan pasture, and added a brood sow. Due to the dry weather, the pecans were not budded as planned. The fence lines on the farm were cleared of weeds, and the trees and shrubs grubbed. The fields were plowed twice to eradicate the grass. An extra room off the kitchen was made into a bathroom and equipped with a bath tub and other facilities. The kitchen floor was painted, a new wood cooking stove and six chairs were added to the kitchen. Part of the front porch was torn away, and a new porch with new uprights were added, the entire front porch screened and the floor painted. The front fence was torn away, and all the weeds and rubbish removed, and plans for improving the yard have been made. Mrs. Flory carried the wardrobe demonstration for her local club this past year. She enlarged and improved two clothes closets in her bedroom, and added closet accessories to make it more convenient.

Mr. Flory is a county committee-man, and range inspector, therefore, some work has to be hired done on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Flory are both civic minded, and are interested in better schools and better living conditions in their community.

Mrs. Flory is an active member in her local home demonstration club and a council delegate.

Three planned visits have been made to this farm and several calls have been made by the agent. At the beginning of the demonstration, Mr. S. A. McMillian, Farm Management Specialist, along with the county and home agent, and the two district agents went to the Flory home and checked their beginning records and plans and assisted them in making necessary changes and improvements. "We believe that the whole farm demonstration is what we need to improve us and our farms and homes," Mrs. Riff told me: "We also believe this is true, and we feel that two years will show that we are almost right."

(The End.)

WOMEN DRIVERS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PONTIAC.

In the opinion of many women, the outstanding feature of the 1939 Pontiac is its ease of shifting and its adjustable shifting lever, reports C. P. Simpson, general sales manager of Pontiac Motor Division.

"Our dealers and salesmen report that women drivers are wholeheartedly enthusiastic about the Improved Safety Shift Gear Control," Mr. Simpson said. "One of the greatest difficulties encountered by women has always been shifting. Pontiac engineers, who developed and pioneered the mechanical steering post gear shift in 1938, have made many improvements in the 1939 model.

"Now standard at no extra cost on all Pontiac models, the Safety Shift Gear Control has been improved to the point where gear shifting is so effortless that a mere touch of the finger to guide the lever will accomplish the task that has been

notably difficult to so many drivers, especially women, in using the conventional gear shift."

Mr. Simpson explained that in the 1939 Pontiac the Safety Shift is equipped with a booster spring that supplies up to 50 per cent of the effort formerly required to shift gears.

"Just as essential to easy shifting is Pontiac's adjustable shifting lever. This exclusive adjustment feature makes it possible to put the lever in the most convenient spot for any driver. Those with short arms will

naturally want the lever closer to the seat and those with long arms will prefer it farther away from the seat.

"Here again, Pontiac engineers have developed a feature which makes driving not only easier but safer. In designing our cars we make every effort to ease driving strain and have found that our most enthusiastic owners are women.

"Many women have told us that in their opinion the outstanding feature of the 1939 Pontiac is its effortless shifting, a result of the booster

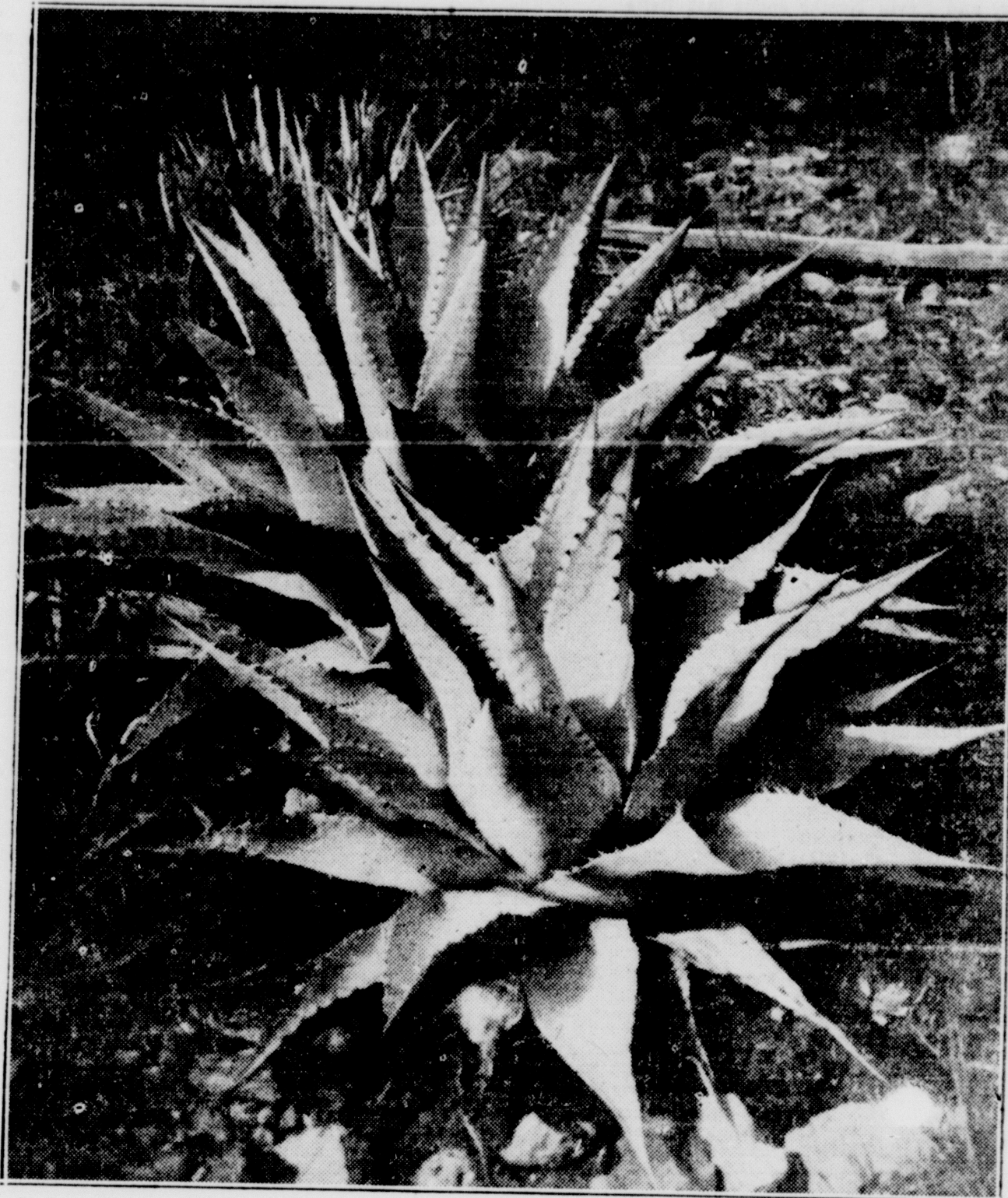
spring and the adjustable shifting lever."

ANSWERS TO OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

No. 204—

Mary—Self explanatory.
Dots—Self explanatory.
"C" objects—cop, club, container, cat, carr, curtain, cement, corner, clothes, curl, cobblestone, crotch, curb.
Man Mountain—15 heads.

Century Plants On Highway 90 Interest Many People.



Pictured above is a century plant of the type that is common in the Big Bend section through which Highway 90 passes. Both the scenery and the growing things on the route are genuinely worth while as they travel the cross-country route which passes through Marfa. (Picture by courtesy U. S. 90 Highway Association.)

OUR PUZZLE CORNER

"FINGERHEADS"

ADD THE FIGURES... WHAT IS THE TOTAL?

JUST DRAW A LINE FROM 1 TO 28

FIND TEN "B" OBJECTS...

THE NAME OF AN AMERICAN CITY IS HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE. CAN YOU FIND IT?

BLACK-BILLED COCKOO... BY ARTISTIC ARTIE

LITTLE BUDDY

HERE ARE ALL YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENTS, BUDDY! SKATES, FISHING TACKLE, A BASEBALL, A GLOVE AND A BAT! ISN'T IT GREAT?

GEE MOM, AREN'T BIRTHDAYS WONDERFUL?

YOU LOOK SAD, BUDDY!! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M SORE BECAUSE I AIN'T METHUSELAH!! YOU KNOW, THAT MAN WHO LIVED TO BE 900 YRS. OLD!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!

WELL—

THINK OF ALL THE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS HE MUST'A GOT!!

By Bruce Stuart

SUBSCRIBE FOR THIS PAPER AND KEEP UP WITH LITTLE BUDDY

:-: D'Hanis Doings :-:

A round-up of Local, Personal and Business Items gathered weekly by our regular Correspondent

Miss Josie Rothe

to whom all items intended for this column should be handed not later than Wednesday noon of each week. Miss Rothe is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper.

D'HANIS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1939

Mrs. Henry Nester, Mrs. Oscar Nester, and Ervin Nester spent last Thursday in San Antonio where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Carle, Mrs. Louis Carle, Mr. John Nester, and Mr. Henry Biry went to Devine Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Twomey of San Antonio spent Friday and Saturday with their nephew, Ferd Louis Rothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Finger spent Sunday in Austin, where they visited their son Edward. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Finger and Amos Finger.

Bonnard Rothe, student at the University of Texas, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and children of San Antonio were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Carle Sunday.

Miss Rosemary Albrecht and David Albrecht of San Antonio visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. August Albrecht, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Jane Nester spent the week-end in Hondo visiting relatives.

Mrs. T. E. Koch and children, Mary Louise and Thomas Edward, and Miss Gladys Rieber were in Hondo Monday afternoon. Miss Mary Louise remained to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huesser and family.

D'HANIS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

Citizenship Club.

On March 2, 1939 the fifth and sixth grades of D'Hanis Public School organized a citizenship club. The officers are as follows:

President—James Secrist.
Vice-President—Charlotte Boog.
Secretary—J. B. Langfeld.
Treasurer—Joyce Adell Ernst.
Reporter—George Wallace Moor-man.

Chairmen of committees:
Good Manners—Louise Aten.
Safety First—Elton Rudinger.
Thrift—Harvey Pete Saathoff.

ANVIL SPARKS.

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around instead of through that little town.

In that day and time, the era of railroad building, town-building followed the building of the railroad.

The town that the railroad passed up—gave the "go-by"—was out of luck, as hundreds of other towns as well as Castroville amply testify. That damage cannot now be rectified.

But we live in another era now.

The freighters who were put out of business by the railroads now have grandsons who, as truck and bus drivers, are taking a tremendous slice out of the business that would otherwise go to the railroads.

They may never put the railroads "out of business".

But one result is already apparent. Town-building no longer follows the railroads.

It follows the channels of trade.

That channel is now the modern highway.

Just as the town-building of our pioneering forefathers followed the water-courses and just as this gave way to the faster traffic on the railroads, just so surely does the future of the inland town depend upon its proximity to the highway.

Contemplate the lesson the map at the top of the front page of this paper, and the story that accompanies it, teaches and ask yourself—can Hondo longer remain indifferent to the securing of Highway 173?

—Oo—

"The businessman is the subject of more legislative concern than the criminal. The latter enjoys far less uncertainty of the laws prescribing his operations."—Lammot du Pont President, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

—Oo—

TAXATION.

By Clayton Rand

With squandered billions Uncle Sam becomes a gigantic prodigal son with no rich father to whom he can return when he shall have had his oats and flung his fling.

It is the taxpayers who will pay the piper for this spree, and how they will squawk when the tax gatherers put the screws to them.

Some of our taxes are visible—those to the clerk, the sheriff, or the Internal Revenue Collector. But what of the concealed or invisible taxes we pay every time we turn a dime over?

Some one is going to work out a formula for the average bread earner to determine how much of his weekly pay envelope or his bale of cotton goes into taxes, and politicians will be hiding in canebrakes and sewers until the storm blows over.

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Ideals of Character Study—August Britz.

Health—Kermit Wolff.

The object of our club is to help others and ourselves to become good citizens.

—Reporter.

Volley Ball Games.

The D'Hanis' Cowgirls played a match game of volley ball with LaCoste on Wednesday, March 1, at D'Hanis. In two games of hard playing the Cowgirls were defeated, 15-9 being the score of both games.

The junior girls played three games of volley ball at St. Anthony's School on Wednesday, March 8. The D'Hanis team lost two of the games, the scores being 15-9, 3-15, and 15-8.

F. F. A. News

The D'Hanis Chapter of the F. F. A. attended a district judging contest in Hondo Saturday, March 4.

Contestants were entered in three divisions: dairy cattle, grain, and livestock. The following boys judged:

Dairy Cattle—Charles Saathoff, Oliver Reinhart, and James Rudinger. Grain—Thomas V. Boog, James Wolff and Elmer Keller.

Livestock—Calvin Bendele, Albert Weynand, and Joe Henry Biry.

The grain team won third place.

—Joe Henry Biry, Reporter.

D'HANIS 4-H GIRLS STUDY CURTAINS.

Curtains are used for privacy, to keep out the glare, and to add a decorative note to our bedrooms," said Miss Nell Foley, County Home Demonstration Agent, at the meeting of the D'Hanis 4-H Club Monday afternoon at the high school auditorium. The girls enjoyed studying the various colors, styles, and materials suitable for bedroom curtains. Before this demonstration a quiz on daily food diet was held following the business session.

—Reporter.



"GUN LAW"—Friday and Saturday, bringing back George O'Brien in a new series of Western-action features. The familiar motif is the assignment of a hard-riding, straight-shooting U. S. Marshal to clean up a tough cow town. O'Brien, as the minion of western law, impersonates "The Raven", notorious killer, and after several narrow escapes captures the gang red-handed.

"MR. MOTO'S LAST WARNING"—Sunday and Monday, with Peter Lorre in the title role of the wily Oriental sleuth. The cast includes Ricardo Cortez, Virginia Field, John Carradine, George Sanders, Joan Carol and Robert Coote. Masquerading as an Oriental shopkeeper, Moto trails Cortez, who is planning to destroy Anglo-French unity by blowing up the French fleet as it enters Port Said.

"HUCKLEBERRY FINN"—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, stars Mickey Rooney as Mark Twain's beloved boy vagabond. The atmosphere of Mississippi River life has been deftly captured in the film. The cast includes Walter Connolly, William Frawley, Rex Ingram, Lynne Cawer, Elizabeth Risdon and Clara Blandick.

WEEK-END WANDERING

From The Owl.
Aleen Grell went to San Antonio Sunday night.

Lorine Neuman was in Sabinal Saturday night.

I. V. Garrison was in Medina Sunday and Sabinal Tuesday.

Judy Lacy went to San Antonio during the week.

Susie Muennink was in San Antonio Saturday.

Miss Lucille Johnson spent the week-end in San Marcos.

Eloise Kollman went to San Antonio Sunday.

Miss Mary West and Miss Helen Crawford were in Uvalde over the week-end.

Miss Helen Jackson spent the week-end in San Antonio.

Bonita Speece was in San Antonio Sunday.

Elizabeth Reynolds went to Devine.

If and when the Grand Coulee Dam is completed, the 23,000,000 tons of concrete that will have been poured into it will represent four times the volume of Egypt's great Pyramid.

—Christian Science Monitor.

Let the Hondo Land Co. sell your land for you.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Medina

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Medina County, on the 7th day of March A. D. 1939, by Emil Britsch, Clerk of said Court, for sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and 26/100 (\$9,499.26) Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Claude W. Gilliam, J. M. Finger and John Muennink, trustees for the stockholders of First National Bank of Hondo, Texas, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3581, styled Claude W. Gilliam et al, trustees, stockholders of the First National Bank of Hondo, Texas, vs. R. J. Taylor and wife, Sallie Taylor, placed in my hands for service, I, Chas. J. Schuehle as Sheriff of Medina County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of March A. D. 1939, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Medina County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

1. 40 acres of land, being off of the West side or end of Survey No. 135, in the name of Anton Bruchet, and being the balance of said Survey No. 135 remaining after taking therefrom the 280 acres, covered by the Federal Land Bank Deed of Trust, dated March 2nd, 1918 of record in the Deed of Trust Records of Medina County, Texas, in Vol. G, No. 11, page 418.

2. 17 acres of land out of the N. W. corner of Survey No. 1473, originally granted to Martin Walker, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the N. W. corner of said Survey No. 1473, thence South 586 varas to a stake; thence Northeast 686 varas to a point in the South line of Survey No. 135, A. Bruchet, a stake; thence West along said South line 360 varas to the place of beginning, being the same land conveyed to R. J. Taylor by Medina County by deed, dated December 23rd, 1904, recorded in Vol. A, No. 37 page 188 of the Deed Records of Medina County, Texas, to which reference is made for further description of said 17 acres, and levied upon as the property of the said R. J. Taylor and wife, Sallie Taylor, and that on the first Tuesday in April A. D. 1939, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door of Medina County, in the town of Hondo, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. J. Taylor and wife, Sallie Taylor.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Hondo Anvil Herald, a newspaper published in Medina County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of March A. D. 1939.

CHAS. J. SCHUEHLE,
3tc. Sheriff Medina County, Texas.

Hondo School News

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Music Recital To Be Presented by Music Instructor

GIRLS' SEXTETTE AND BOYS' TRIO TO BE ON PROGRAM

Seventeen Pupils Will Preform

Mrs. C. D. Sadler, Hondo High School's Music Instructor, will present her pupils in a piano recital at the Hondo High School Auditorium next Friday evening, March 10, at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The program which is to be presented at this recital is as follows:

Piano Solo—"March On" Wenner Betty Ann Garrison
Piano Solo—"Valse Episode" Kern Norma Jane Bless
Piano Solo—"The Wood Nymph's Harp" Rea Patsy Lou Kollman
Soft Shoe Dance—"Tea For Two" Laura Ann Muennink
Vocal Solo—"Friend O' Mine" Sanderson Henry Martin Finger
Piano Solo—"The Cuckoo's Song" Sprenger Norma Zane Kollman
Piano Solo—"In The Dirigible" Thompson Anthus Edward Harlee
Piano Duet—"Serenade" Toselli Helen Burgin and Mary Ann Noonan
Piano Solo—"The Merry Clown" Thompson Janie Rath
Piano Solo—"Minuet In G" Beethoven Elizabeth Nester
Reading—"Betty Jane" Hoffman Jim Amberson
Piano Solo—"The Race" Baines Henry Meyer Holloway
Piano Solo—"L'Ingenue" Krogmann Helen Burgin
Piano Duet—"In Hanging Gardens" Davies Maybeth Barry and Betty Ann Garrison
Piano Solo—"A Summer Reverie" Brown Laura Lee Lein-

:-: Castroville Cullings :-:

LOCAL, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ITEMS FROM THIS BUSY BURG

ISABELL KARM, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

News and advertising copy for this column for the week's issue should be submitted to Miss Karm or mailed direct to us at Hondo not later than Tuesday night of each week. Miss Karm is authorized to collect and receipt for lay business for this paper.

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bendele and Marvin Muennink of Hondo visited Mrs. Louisa Haass Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bader of Dunlay were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Tschirhart and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Naegelin of Lytle and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Haller of Devine visited in the Charles Suchs home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray and Mrs. Jake Mecher of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fitz-Simon, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Miller and daughters and Miss Caroline Reicherzer of San Antonio spent Thursday evening in the P. J. Tschirhart home. Mrs. Annie Tschirhart and Mrs. H. J. Bippert were in San Antonio Thursday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. August Schott, Jr., Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. August Schott, Sr., and Mrs. Willie Schott and family of Devine.

Mrs. A. H. Tondre and son, Elton, had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zuercher of Victoria and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tondre and daughter of San Antonio.

Mrs. Florence McSwain and Miss Betty Burell were San Antonio visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Haass of San Antonio spent Sunday in the Eugene Mangold home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rihn and son and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holzhaus of San Antonio visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Tschirhart and son, Lynroe, of San Antonio spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holzhaus.

Ada Rose Lieber of Houston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lieber and also attended the funeral of her grandfather, the late Joseph Lieber.

Miss Rosemary Tondre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Tondre, underwent an appendix operation at the Medina Hospital in Hondo Tuesday morning, March 6th.

Mrs. Frank Tschirhart and children, Claybourne, Edna, and Darlene, and Mr. G. Letcher visited Mr. Tschirhart at the Legion Hospital in Kerrville where he is receiving medical treatment.

FRANK JOSEPH LIEBER.

Frank Joseph Lieber, one of the oldest respected pioneer citizens of Castroville, died at his home at 3:40 A. M. Saturday, March 4, 1939. Funeral services were held here Sunday, at 12:45 P. M. March 5, from

weber

Tap Dance—"When Pa Was Courtin' Ma" Susie Muennink
Boys' Trio—"Hoodah Day" (Sea Chantey) Riegger Leslie Earl Holloway, Henry Martin Finger and Roland Nester

Piano Solo—"Traumerei" Schumann Frances Beal
Piano Solo—"Gliding Fancies" Kern Maybeth Barry

Piano Solo—"Summer Dreams" Jarratt Gladys Bohlen

Piano Solo—"Autumn Idyl" Renard Novelle Lambert

Girls' Sextette—"Whispering" Schonberger Betty Jean Merriman, Ruth Rucker, Frances Ruth Fly, Kathleen Reilly, Susie Muennink, and Mary Ann Noonan

PLAY DIRECTOR TO BE ASSISTED BY MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS

Ten Seniors Take Part in Play

Presenting a three-act comedy, the senior class will stage "Sound Your Horn", April 14, in the High School Auditorium.

The setting for the play is the interior of Christine Elliot's refreshment stand on the State Road.

The committees appointed to assist in the direction and staging of the play are: Assistant Manager—Patricia Ney; Properties, "Sis" Meyer, chairman, Amanda Haass, Bertram Eckhart, Milton Bohmfalk, and Adell Pichot; Make-up, Mildred Martin, chairman, and Helen Burgin; Construction Committee, Fred Bader, chairman, George Rucker, Roland Gaines, Ralph Stiegler, and Jack Speece; Lights, Jo Dawson; Publicity, Bonnie Jack Cameron, chairman, Walter Weynand, Eay Iris Carter, and Aleen Grell.

Hondo Owls To Play Austin

The Hondo Owls will play their first real game of baseball with Austin High, Saturday March 18, at 2:30 o'clock. They have been playing with the Town Bullies for the past few weeks, but, of course they don't consider them as ball games. Just a regular work out, so they say. Our boys are developing into a

Springs and several other communities were represented at the funeral.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our friends and relatives we wish to express and acknowledge our heartfelt appreciation for their kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings extended us at the death of our dearly beloved father, Joseph Lieber.

THE CHILDREN.

NAEGELIN-GROFF.

A lovely wedding of the year was solemnized in St. Louis Catholic Church at Castroville, Tuesday morning, February 21st, at 8:00 o'clock when Miss Alberta Groff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groff of Pearsall, became the bride of Hugo Naegelin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Naegelin of Rio Medina. Very Rev. Dean J. Lenzen officiating.

The bridesmaids, who entered singly, were Miss Nata Halty and Miss Adalia Groff, sister of the bride, maid of honor. The bride entered on the arm of her cousin, Daniel Mangold, groomsmen, and were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Herbert Naegelin, brother of the bridegroom. The bridegroom and his attendants wore dark blue suits with boutonniere of white carnations. The bride wore a gown of white lace over satin with long sleeves which extended to a point over her hands. The bodice was tight at the waist breaking into a shirred softness which was finished with a standing collar, the gown was made along princess lines and extended into a long circular train, over the train fell her long tulle veil with lace medallion insert, and was held to her head with a lace cap and a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and fern with streamers. Miss Halty, bridesmaid, wore a floor length gown of blue Marquise over satin and Miss Groff, maid of honor, wore pink Marquise over satin. They wore wreaths of pink carnations and carried bouquets of pink carnations and fern.

After the ceremony the bridal party left for San Antonio where they enjoyed a breakfast. In the evening a supper was served to the bridal party at the home of the bride's parents in Pearsall.

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday, March 12, 1939

9:00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible classes.

10:00 A. M. German service. Please attend the English Lenten service next Wednesday, March 15th, at 8:15 P. M.

Lent suggests sacrifice. Yes, that is exactly what it means. But what kind of sacrifice? "Walk in Love". How? Even as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us.

Let's serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing.

A cordial invitation to worship with us is extended to all.

The Church with a welcome.
—A. H. FALKENBERG,
Pastor.

delivered, with high hopes and a special thunder effect, a new play he fondly believed would be the hit of the century. The manager rejected the play, but kept the sound effect for use in his production of "Macbeth".

"They won't act my play," Dennis complained, "but they steal my thunder"—thus proving himself not only the inventor of a sound effect but of a useful expression.

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